

Dear Colleagues,

We sincerely wish the summer of 2015 brings peace, happiness and health to all my colleagues and their families. We are happy to accomplish the third issue of 2015.

There are 6 research articles in this issue. The first one is a clinical study analyzing for results of the surgical treatment of scoliosis on shoulder asymmetry. The second, third and fourth studies are about the lumbar degenerative disease and lumbar spinal stenosis. Surgical treatment of thoracic outlet syndrome is discussing in fifth article. In the sixth study, the results of pain management with radiofrequency thermoablation for coccydinia were presented. We believe that all those studies will quietly interest the readers.

There are also one case reports in this issue which is anterior cervical hyperostosis due to dysphagia.

There are three reviews in this issue. The first one is a review presenting the studies about the corrective surgery of the spinal deformity using of video assisted thoracoscopy, and the second one presents the fail back syndrome. Third one is about the complications of the vertebroplasty. All of them are quiet comprehensive and informative reviews.

In this issue, in the “Frontiers of the Spinal Surgery” section, the biography was presented about the Prof. Azmi Hamzaoglu. The authors of the this article are Prof. İ. Teoman Benli and Assoc. Prof. Yener Erken.

The “Marmara Spinal Group Meetings”, which includes İstanbul and neighboring cities and which is conducted to increase the interests of especially assistants and new specialist on spinal surgery and to contribute to their trainings and to transfer the experiences of experienced colleagues and will be organized each month regularly by the regulatory board, and which Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Aydoğan will perform the headship this year and Yunus Atıcı performs the secretariat, will be continued. You can find the other meeting contents from the announcements section.

We respond to answer the STE questions that we publish in accordance with the request from TOTBİD TOTEK for recertification in this issue. The answers of the questions included in this issue should be sent to cutku@ada.net.tr or admin@jtss.org.tr addresses as also indicated in the page including the questions. The sent answers will be sent to the secretariat working relevantly in TOTBİD TOTEK by us.

We wish healthy, successful and peaceful days to Turkish Spinal Surgery family and we present our deepest respects.

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