

Achievements in the last year and the new targets

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Acta Medica has completed the fourth year in the field of open access medical journals in Turkey. During this time the journal has become recognized by researchers both from Hacettepe campus and from various institutions all over the country. Authors from other institutions submitted almost half of the 21 papers published in 2015. The editorial board members and reviewers worked hard for fast peer review. We thank especially to our valuable reviewers who contributed for the positive criticism of the submitted manuscripts.

Acta Medica was published as two issues in 2015 and we plan to have minimum 3 issues in 2016. Our goal is to make an application for being included in the National Citation Index (ULAKBİM TR Dizin). We appreciate the contributions and suggestions from our readers, authors and reviewers. 'Early online' is a new part on our web site for presenting the newly accepted articles to our readers. We especially encourage young faculty members from Hacettepe University to submit original research articles to Acta Medica.

Acta Medica organized the third Scientific Writing Course on March 14th, 2015. There were almost a hundred attendants in this course at the Yunus Müftü Conference Hall in İhsan Doğramacı Children's Hospital. Prof. Aytemiz Gürgey, past editor of Turkish Journal of Hematology, was one of the honorable speakers in the course and shared her experiences as an editor in chief. Additionally Prof. Ümit Yaşar shared the principles of preparing a successive

project proposal in his informative speech and Prof. Nüket Örnek Büken lectured on Publication Ethics. As the associate editors Assoc. Prof. Yeşim Öztaş gave a talk about basic principles in manuscript writing and Assoc. Prof. Şule Ünal made an onsite reviewing of a recently submitted paper to Acta Medica. Assit. Prof. Ceren Sucularlı made her informative speech on the use of EndNote®. Dr Sevilay Karahan gave a talk on common statistical mistakes encountered in submitted manuscripts. We plan to organize the 4th Scientific Writing Course with a new format in June 2016.

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