

A brief evaluation of Neuroanatomy [2005]

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As the printing of this year's volume of NEUROANATOMY is about to be achieved, I have personally undertaken the task of writing the Editorial which has become part of our tradition.

The past year began with sadness. The President of the Turkish Society of Anatomy, Professor Atilla Müftüoğlu MD, whom I commemorate with much gratitude, passed away in mid January quite unexpectedly. Although it has been almost a year since this tragic loss, the vividness of his memory is for us, the proof that Dr Müftüoğlu is among the unforgettable of our society. I would like to take the opportunity to express my acknowledgment to the late Dr Müftüoğlu and to all those who have participated with their dedicated efforts in supporting our anatomical society. A short biography of Professor Müftüoğlu MD, is presented by his successor Professor Salih Murat Akkın MD in the ensuing pages of this volume. I wish to thank Professor Akkın for his participation.

As will be noted by readers, compared to previous years, we have received many more international papers. We believe that our efforts have gained momentum and will continue to increase in the

coming years. We wish to express our appreciation to our friends at home and abroad for their hearty support. We have been encouraged by the scientific papers submitted by our colleagues in India, Serbia-Montenegro, Iran and Greece and wish to expand our spectrum throughout the world. We hope that these connections and interrelations will form the core of shared works and the establishment of organized international scientific collaborations.

We are also very pleased about the fact that the articles printed in NEUROANATOMY have started to receive citations on an international basis. This fact shows in an unbiased manner that the material we have been printing is being used by the international scientific community. Although we have been able to follow these citations only in the Science Citation Index (Thomson) until recently, we are now able to follow the citation reports of the articles and authors in SCOPUS (Elsevier) which is currently scanning our Journal. SCOPUS is an interdisciplinary, dynamic index which has a user panel similar to EMBASE interface through which it reaches 14,000 indexed continuous publications in the Elsevier Bibliographic Database and which can also be contacted electronically at the <http://www.scopus.com> address. The important hallmark of SCOPUS is that it encompasses not only articles printed in biomedical journals but also other related scientific fields. Because we support the open access journal concept as our publication policy, we are included in the Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ). DOAJ is an important source in which only the open access articles can be reached through a certain key word. Our readers will be able to reach this source easily through <http://www.doaj.org>.

In 2005, we attended the 18th International Symposium on Morphological Science (Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, 5-8 June 2005) in Serbia-Montenegro in Belgrade within the scope of an international introductory program for our Journal where we have had the pleasure of meeting our colleague Professor Branslav Filipovic and wish

to thank him and the organization committee for their kind hospitality. Additionally, my meeting with the Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Anatomy Professor Stephen Carmichael and the advices I have received from him for the scientific proliferation of NEUROANATOMY has proven to be invaluable.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all the scientists who have participated in the publication of this volume: to all the authors who have sent their papers, to the referees who have evaluated them, to our Editors Professor M. Doğan Akşit PhD, Professor Ruhgün Başar PhD, and Professor Hamdi Çelik MD-PhD and to all the members of our publication and advisory boards who have made it possible to create this volume. Last but not least, we wish to thank Dr. Selçuk Tunalı MD and Professor A. Beliz Taşcıoğlu PhD for their language editing, the Hacettepe Hospitals Printing House and Coordinator Uğur Korkmaz for having printed the volume which was put on electronic media throughout the year, with impeccable timing in December 2005. Our special gratitude goes to the Rector of Hacettepe University and our Honorary Editor Professor Tunçalp Özgen MD for his everlasting support.

I would like to conclude the Editorial with an invitation. The 10th National Anatomy Congress with international participation will be held in Bodrum, one of the most famous holiday sites of Turkey on September 6-10, 2006. We will be delighted to host our colleagues from all over the world. Information about the Congress can be obtained at the <http://www.anatomy.web.tr/eng> internet address. For correspondence, the congress@anatomy.web.tr address may be used.

Wishing all Anatomists and their families a Happy New Year.

Also hoping that 2006 will bring peace to the world...

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