

## The innovations and accelerations in Anatolian Journal of Cardiology

As we promised in previous months, we have moved DOI number assignment dates to an earlier time; we have even concluded DOI number assignment procedures of most academicians preparing their application files for associate professorship in April. I would like to remind great efforts of office assistants of the chief editor as well as self-denial of the officers in Istanbul AVES team. With regard to original researches processed in recent months, total time of processing that is directly related to the Anatolian Journal of Cardiology is 10 days in average from submission to the acceptance of manuscript including the review of the manuscript, communication with the authors, preparation of the referee reports, delivery of the manuscripts to the associate editor and advisors, and rendering final decision and revisions. The manuscript acceptance process takes 2-3 months including waiting time for referee report, revisions by author and delivery of the revised manuscript back to the referee (21 days + 24 days + 21 days + 24 days? author's response). The Anatolian Journal of Cardiology has no power to shorten this time period. On the other hand, the processing time for the other manuscripts (case reports, original images) has been substantially reduced - moved to an earlier time. This is, unfortunately, a result of "office" rejection decisions made by the associate editor and Editor in Chief. Some manuscripts (usually case reports and original images), the very next day upon delivery to the office, are instantly passed on to my desk after review by the assistant (if the format is appropriate) and concluded with rejection within 15-20 minutes of inspection on the computer. The scrabbled papers defeated by rush and those written to satisfy only the demand constitute the largest part of the rejected manuscripts.

The review of all delayed manuscripts brought forward is completed and all were concluded as either approval or rejection. For the last couple of months, all manuscripts are processed on a daily basis and upon approval, "Uncorrected Proof (published in website) - DOI - Corrected Proof (Article in Press) - PubMed - Hard Copy procedures are promptly completed as we promised except for the delays of referee/author. Reducing this time period further is only possible by the referees issuing early, sufficient, and valuable reports and by academicians providing prompt response to the journal.

The electronic publishing is becoming increasingly important and printed journals are not in demand as before. In this regard, our web page offers many opportunities to the researchers and to our readers. In addition, Apple iOS and Google Android applications compatible with mobile devices have been prepared and released by AVES this month. Enjoy it.

Another important point is that, albeit not well-recognized in our country, we have integrated EndNote program into our journal, a program frequently used in manuscript writing process by the authors abroad. The EndNote program offers important convenience in writing and editing the manuscripts in accordance with the rules and format accepted by the target journal.

In order the journal to completely satisfy all application requirements for PubMed Central, all manuscripts published in the Anatolian Journal of Cardiology must be written in English as I have previously indicated. Therefore, we request the manuscripts to be translated into English if sent in Turkish. With regard to the difficulties faced by the authors, AVES publishing house provides assistance in translation of the documents based on the citation potential of the manuscript.

Like a friend of mine said, "Retirement is graduation"; I went to Denizli to visit my dearest true friend, my assistant, my brother, Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kılıç. It is a great loss for others who did not meet Dr. Kılıç, many aspects of whom I modeled on myself: not too late, he was graduated healthy by *Retiring*, to many happy years.

For the last two years, original researches published in the Anatolian Journal of Cardiology are subjected to three-step review by the panel, and the winners at the first, second, and third places are granted an award by Eskişehir-ETI Corporations. ETI Corporations President and our close friend Firuz Kanatlı (PhD., Hon. Eskişehir Osmangazi University), who made financial contribution to the organization of this competition, finally qualified to be ranked among the first 100 taxpayers throughout Turkey in 2013. I wanted to share this bliss and honor with you.

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