## **Editorial**

## Dear Colleagues,

We present the last issue of this year. To summarize the year of 2016, a total of 119 papers were submitted to our journal this year. Four issues included 20 clinical research articles, 11 case reports, three reviews, one historical article and one letter to editor. While the rate of articles that were accepted to be published in our journal was 37.6%, the mean time spent for the initial decision on an article was 25 days and, for the accepted articles, the mean time from the first submission until publication was 86 days.

There was an apparent increase in the number of manuscripts submitted to our journal particularly after the 38th National Congress and our last two issues included two studies from other countries: one case report from Brazil and one from India.

This year, for the first time, the authors of three most successful original research articles published in our journal were awarded in the national congress by the administration of the Turkish Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Society and three reviewers were presented with success plaques. The same implementation for the original research articles and successful reviewers is going to continue in the 39th National Congress, too. In addition, certificates of appreciation were sent to our 135 colleagues who did reviewership in the articles submitted to the journal throughout the year.

Due to the increased number of manuscripts submitted to our journal, we were able to publish the articles that were ready for on-line publication on the "Ahead of Print" section of our website for the first time this year. For the accomplishment of all these, elaborate cooperation of the AVES Publishing staff was also very important as well as your valuable supports.

Hoping that the contributions of our colleagues with regard to both authorship and reviewership will continue increasingly, we wish the year of 2017 to bring peace to our country and happiness and health to all of us.

On behalf of the Editorial Board Prof. Taner Kemal Erdağ