

Academic Publishing in Psychiatry Section of Psychiatric Association of Turkiye: A novel model of a task force to improve knowledge of academic publishing and international equilibrium within the society

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Background

- Academic publishing has gained importance due to the requirements in scientific performance evaluations and academic promotions both in Turkiye and in the world.
- Therefore, it was planned to establish a task force within the professional organization of psychiatrists in Turkiye.

Planning and Workflow

- **Academic Publishing in Psychiatry Section** within the Psychiatric Association of Turkiye (PAT) has been established on Nov 21, 2022,
 - to share up-to-date information about academic publishing in psychiatry within the society,
 - to ensure interaction and coordination among colleagues interested in academia.
- The primary and initial missions: to inform colleagues and encourage their participation in international meetings organized by EASE and other professional organizations and to organize interactive meetings and webinars in which information is shared from the perspectives of editors, reviewers, publishers and authors about academic publishing.
- The section is also expected to contribute to the academic publishing platforms of the Association if needed.

Preliminary Outcomes

- The first interactive meeting of the section, titled **"The adventure of the scientific article from three perspectives: What does the editor want? What does the reviewer expect? What does the author do?"**, was scheduled at the PAT Annual Meeting and Clinical Education Symposium in May 2023 which was postponed due to massive earthquakes occurred in Turkiye in February 2023. However, the section is planning to re-schedule this meeting at the 59th National Psychiatry Congress in October 2023.

Members

- Academic Publishing in Psychiatry Section has 36 members as of May 2023
- Members actively communicate each other through WhatsApp and e-mail groups.

Concluding Remarks

- The Section is the first of its kind among all medical speciality associations in Turkiye.
- The Section would provide a substantial contribution to initiate international publication of the PAT.
- In Turkiye, many professional medical associations have official publications within their societies.
- Their editorial boards are usually appointed by the executive committees of the associations.
- However, the audit of the progress and work of editorial boards of such association-owned publications are governed by the executive committees, not by the boards specialized in academic publishing within the association/society.
- We believe that the Section will inspire other associations to establish such a task force within their professional societies.
- Such task forces will also aid to improve the scientific quality of the association-owned publications, will help the integration of the respective society with professional academic associations such as EASE, and will increase transparency through competent supervision.