

## Editorial

The Editorship of **Pediatric Cerrahi Dergisi**, the official Journal of the Turkish Association of Pediatric Surgeons had invited the late Mr. Herbert B. Eckstein's friends and colleagues to honor his memory, in recognition of his historical role in promoting modern pediatric surgery and urology in Turkey by establishing a novel surgical clinic at the Hacettepe Children's Hospital, Ankara in 1958. The publication of a Memorial Volume was proposed by one of our guest editors, Dr. Şeref Etker, and we feel highly privileged that he was joined by Sir David Innes Williams who had not only worked together with Mr. Eckstein, but also accomplished for the new world of pediatric urology what Herbert Eckstein did for the children of this country.

The project has now been fulfilled, and we believe that the guest editors and contributors have done an extraordinary job with dedication and camaraderie to produce this unique collection. It is the Editors' hope that this volume will be received with the same enthusiasm it was conceived and the limited edition will reach the hands that continue the good work.

The readers will notice that no effort has been made to create a stylistic uniformity among the various contributions. The peculiarities of English and American orthography are there, but have been reduced to a select number of words. Nonetheless, there are inconsistencies such as "pediatric" and "paediatric" appearing in the same paper for obvious reasons, and structural differences between papers such as in the order of presentation and references remain. The translations are by the author(s) if there is no indication of the translator(s).

The Editors would like to express their gratitude to all authors for their voluntary contributions. We are also greatly indebted to the Eckstein family for all their co-operation. Thanks are extended especially to Mrs. Maria Eckstein for providing biographical details and personal photographic material.

The Editors take this occasion to congratulate Dr. Erna Schlossmann-Eckstein on her centenary !

The publishers LOGOS have done their best to match the quality of the contents with the production of the volume. Their staff and Mrs. Semra D. Ballıkaya who was responsible for processing the text deserve the commendation of the Editorship.

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