



FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

As it is well stated previously, The Turkish Geriatrics Society is a national, neutral, nonprofit organization which aims to increase the standards in the field of geriatrics including education, patient care and treatment. The society also aims to create or make contributions for the development of technical, scientific and social facilities and it also cooperates with any and all related institutions, organizations, foundations and societies for this purpose.

In order to achieve its goals Turkish Geriatrics Society works as explained below:

- The society cooperates with all related institutions in order to reach the standards in the education of geriatrics.
- The society attempts to facilitate the communication with and among its members in order to increase their knowledge and awareness on the developments and innovations in the field of geriatrics.
- The society supports its members and those making scientific research on geriatrics for their research activities and also organizes competitions, gives national and international research scholarships.
- The society aims to create and/or apply new projects in order to increase public awareness on geriatrics. The society makes all necessary cooperations with any institutions for this purpose.
- The society supports its members and those making contributions in the field of geriatrics for attending national and international meeting.
- The society gives education parallel to its purposes to its members, to public and those making contributions on the field of geriatrics. To achieve this target holds or organizes congresses, seminars, conferences, symposiums and similar scientific, managerial and social meetings in the field of geriatrics.

International Day of Older Persons is an opportunity to increase the awareness of the public about the various issues of elder persons. And as its announced by the Division for Social Policy and Development Ageing of the United Nations that, the theme of International Day of Older Persons 2017 is "Stepping into the Future: Tapping the Talents, Contributions and Participation of Older Persons in Society."

According to the UN authorities; "Stepping into the future with pledges that no one will be left behind, it is starkly evident that the need to tap into the often overlooked and under-appreciated contributions of older persons is not only essential to older persons' well-being, but also imperative for sustainable development processes".

As the executive Board of Directors of Turkish Geriatrics Society, we cordially believe that not only the scientific education activities, but the public education programs of our society will play an important role to achieve this goal.

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