

The Turkish Society for the History of Medicine

TÜRK TIP TARİHİ KURUMU

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Summary

The foundation, the first council of the managers, regulation, center, directors, the last members of the council of the managers of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine are stressed in this paper. Moreover, this society's aims and activities are also pointed out.

Key Words: The Turkish Society for the History of Medicine, History of medicine, Regulation

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Özet

Bu makalede, Türk Tıp Tarihi Kurumunun kuruluşu, ilk yönetim kurulu, tüzüğü, merkezi, başkanları, son yönetim kurulu üyeleri vurgulanır. Ayrıca kurumun amaç ve faaliyetleri anlatılır.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Türk Tıp Tarihi Kurumu, Tıp tarihi, Tüzük

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The Foundation and the First Meeting

The foundation for the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine is based on the 11th International History of Medicine Congress held in Yugoslavia in 1938. Assistant Prof. Süheyl Ünver attended that congress as a national representative, and he was charged with founding a History of Medicine Society in Turkey. With the offer of Dr. Süheyl Ünver, Dr. Besim Ömer Akalın, Dr. Akil Muhtar Özden, Dr. Osman Şevki Uludağ, Dr. Feridun Nafiz Uzluk, Dr. Saim Erkun, Dr. Ruscuklu Hakkı Üzel, Dr. Metine Belger and Dr. Fuat Kamil Beksan were accepted as members of the association and the Turkish Committee was formed. In the same meeting, the symbol of the snake circling the world three times was drawn by Dr. Süheyl Ünver and this symbol was accepted as the seal and badge of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine. When Dr. Süheyl Ünver came back to his hometown, he called the International Society for the History of Medicine's Turkish committee to a meeting and Prof. Dr. Besim Ömer Akalın was elected as chairman at the

first meeting held on October 6, 1938. In that meeting the founder of the international society, Dr. Tricot Royer and the director, Prof. Dr. Fomoiu were given honorary memberships (Figure 1).

The Association's Regulation

The executive committee started the preparation of the society's regulations. The first name of these regulations was the "Rules and Regulations of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine." These regulations were prepared by Dr. Feridun Nafiz Uzluk in 1938. After they were appraised by the founding members, on January 7, 1939, they were given to the Governor of the Province and in 1940 became effective (Figure 2).

The Center of the Association

The center of the society was the "Istanbul University Medical History Institution" in 1940 and 1952. In 1973, it became the Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medical History and Deontology Institute." In 1984, the institute was in Room A-431 in Istanbul University Cerrahpaşa Medical Faculty



Figure 1. Rosettes and seals of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine (from the past to today)

and Studies of Medical History. For the first time the Society for the History of Medicine was located in a room and a sign was hung on the door. The society has continued its studies and activities from this center since 1984.

The Members of the Society

Members of Turkish society are those who have research and publications on medical history. For this reason among its members are physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians, psychologists, archeologists, Turkologists, sociologists, historians and philosophers from different branches. At present there are 136 members.

Foreign scientists who are interested in medical history may be members by decision of the executive committee, if they apply to the society's secretary.



Figure 2. Founder members of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine

Sitting (from left): Muallim Dr.Fuat Kamil Beksan, Dr.Ruscuklu Hakki Üzel, Müderris Dr.Besim Ömer Akalın (Paşa) and Ord.Prof.Dr.Akil Muhtar Özden.
Standing (from left): Dr.Metine Bilger, Dr.Feridun Nafiz Uzluk, Doç.Dr.A. Süheyl Ünver and Asistant İhsan Önal.

The directors who have been in charge of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine are:

Prof. Dr. Besim Ömer AKALIN (1938-1940); Ord. Prof. Dr.Akil Muhtar ÖZDEN (1940-1949); Dr. Rıza Tahsin GENCER (1949-1950); Prof. Dr. Cemil TOPUZLU (1950-1956); Ord. Prof. Dr. Kazım İsmail GÜRKAN (1956-1972); Ord. Prof. Dr. A. Süheyl ÜNVER (1972-1977); Dr. Feridun FRİK (1977-1984); Prof. Dr. Ekrem Kadri UNAT (1984-1990); Prof. Dr. Hüsrev HATEMİ (1990-2000); Prof. Dr. Nil SARI (2000-)

The General Committee of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine had usually been held once a year but with the changes in regulations, it will be held once every two years (Figure 3).

The Aims and Activities of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine

To conduct scientific studies on the history of medicine, to support research, to hold scientific meetings, to publish works on Turkish history of medicine;

To ensure that the Turkish Society is more effective and to support cooperation among medical historians;

To hold memorial meetings for those who served Turkish medicine, to produce memorial stamps and to provide their names to be given to streets, avenues and foundations;



Figure 3. Members of the Council of Managers of Today
Sitting: Prof.Dr.Nil Sarı (President)
Standing (from left): Doç.Dr.İbrahim Başağaoğlu (General Secretary), Dr.Yeşim Işıl Ülman (Member), Prof.Dr.Ayşegül Demirhan Erdemir (Second President), Prof.Dr.Özcan Öncel (Treasurer).

To gather other researchers and medical history specialists who are interested in the history of medicine, and physicians and other health workers who want to learn about medical sciences, along with those who are working on the history of medicine in Turkey and making new enterprises for the future;

To hold scientific meetings monthly and to provide an information exchange among medical historians;

To hold excursions on Turkish medical history and to try to provide necessary support for buildings and graves that are important for history and to provide for their restoration;

To inform members about national and international congresses, symposiums, seminars and courses;

To provide publication of the Turkish History of Medicine bulletin, published once every six

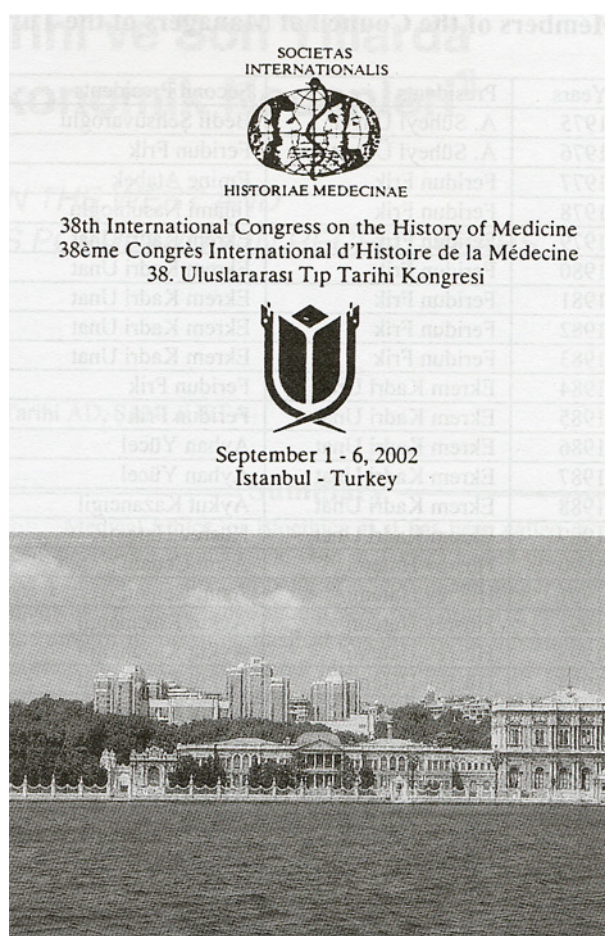


Figure 4. Cover of the First Announcement of the 38th International Congress on the History of Medicine.

months and distributed without charge (the first issue was published August 2000);

To emphasize the scientific relationship between the International and the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine; to do some works to introduce the principles of the Turkish History of Medicine to the international scientific field. For this aim, Turkish History of Medicine Institute is going to be held at the 38th International Society for the History of Medicine Congress with the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Nil Sarı on September 1 – 6, 2002 in Istanbul;

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Members of the Council of Managers of the Turkish Society for the History of Medicine (1975-2002)

Years	Presidents	Second Presidents	General Secretaries	Treasurers	Members
1975	A. Süheyl Ünver	Bedii Şehsuvaroğlu	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Emine Atabek	Ekrem Kadri Unat
1976	A. Süheyl Ünver	Feridun Frik	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Emine Atabek	Bedii Şehsuvaroğlu
1977	Feridun Frik	Emine Atabek	İlhami Nasuhioğlu	Kemal Özbay	Üveys Maskar
1978	Feridun Frik	İlhami Nasuhioğlu	Kemal Özbay	Emine Atabek	Üveys Maskar
1979	Feridun Frik	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Kemal Özbay	Emine Atabek	Üveys Maskar
1980	Feridun Frik	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Kemal Özbay	Emine Atabek	Üveys Maskar
1981	Feridun Frik	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayhan Yücel	Emine Atabek	Üveys Maskar
1982	Feridun Frik	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Emine Atabek	Kazım Arısan
1983	Feridun Frik	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Emine Atabek	Kazım Arısan
1984	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Feridun Frik	Nil Sarı	Hüsrev Hatemi	Arslan Terzioğlu
1985	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Feridun Frik	Nil Sarı	Hüsrev Hatemi	Arslan Terzioğlu
1986	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayhan Yücel	Nil Sarı	Hüsrev Hatemi	Arslan Terzioğlu
1987	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayhan Yücel	Nil Sarı	Hüsrev Hatemi	Arslan Terzioğlu
1988	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Nil Sarı	Hüsrev Hatemi	Arslan Terzioğlu
1989	Ekrem Kadri Unat	Hüsrev Hatemi	Nil Sarı	Ayhan Yücel	Ayten Altıntaş
1990	Hüsrev Hatemi	Asım Cenani	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel	Vural Solok
1991	Hüsrev Hatemi	Asım Cenani	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel	Nuran Yıldırım
1992	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel	Asım Cenani
1993	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel	Nil Sarı
1994	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Zuhal Özaydın	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel
1995	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayktut Kazancıgil	Zuhal Özaydın	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayhan Yücel
1996	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayhan Yücel	Zuhal Özaydın	Ayten Altıntaş	Ayşegül Demirhan
1997	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayhan Yücel	Zuhal Özaydın	Ayten Altıntaş	Emre Dölen
1998	Hüsrev Hatemi	Ayhan Yücel	İbrahim Başağaoğlu	Emre Dölen	Vural Solok
1999	Hüsrev Hatemi	Cenk Büyükcinal	İbrahim Başağaoğlu	Emre Dölen	Özcan Öncel
2000	Nil Sarı	Ayşegül Demirhan	İbrahim Başağaoğlu	Özcan Öncel	Yeşim Işıl Ulman
2001	Nil Sarı	Ayşegül Demirhan	İbrahim Başağaoğlu	Özcan Öncel	Yeşim Işıl Ulman
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