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## *Editorial*

Dear Colleagues,

I have always believed in the importance of maintaining a high standard of scientific quality in scientific journals. However, it is equally important to provide the sustainability of this level. This is the first issue of the 13<sup>th</sup> year of our journal - JTGGGA (Journal of the Turkish-German Gynecological Association), which is the outcome of intense devotion and hard work through long years. We will steadily continue our efforts as the TAJEV family in aiming to raise our journal to an ever better position in the scientific community.

Herein is presented another highly scientific content issue. In this issue, you will read an interesting manuscript by NESA's (New European Surgical Academy) President Prof. Michael Stark, who you all know as the founder of the NOS (Natural Orifice Surgery). Prof. Stark has also submitted an interesting letter regarding the importance and future of laparoscopy and tactile feeling in telesurgery. In this letter, Prof. Stark shared his experiences about the recent NESA project - "Telelap Alf-X", which is a new system providing tactile feeling in robotic surgery. In this issue, you will also find an innovative study on the documentation regarding water birth practice and its effects on the maternal, fetal and the newborn wellbeing through labor.

The editorial process of JTGGGA, which is a peer-reviewed and open access journal, is carried out meticulously. Our journal has an increasing level of international acknowledgement and attracts the attention of a wide region with submissions from India to Germany. I hereby thank all co-editors taking part in all processes of the fair evaluation. I would also like to send my special thanks for her sincere efforts to Dr. Yaprak Üstün who joined our editorial team recently.

Dear young colleagues at the beginning of your academic careers,

Our journal-JTGGGA is indexed by many internationally accepted databases such as SIIC, Tübitak/Ulakbim Turkish Medical Index, Turkish Citation Index, EBSCO host, SCOPUS, Excerpta Medica (EMBASE), DOAJ database, Gale/Cengage Learning, ProQuest, CINAHL and Index Copernicus. Our aim is to be indexed by as many indexes as possible. It will be our great pleasure to receive your qualified research studies to be published in a peer-reviewed and internationally indexed journal which will be very important in the many exams you will face. You can also contact our editorial team directly if you would like to be a reviewer and be actively involved in the evaluation process of our journal.

I wish all the obstetrics and gynecology community a fruitful and successful academic spell in 2012.

Best regards,

**Prof. Dr. Cihat Ünlü**  
**Editor in Chief of the JTGGGA**  
**President of TAJEV**

