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EDITORS' ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

A record number of 330 scientific reports in the form of abstracts were submitted for the BATAO congress this year. The scientific quality is high, as can be seen from this collection of scientific works. It is our utmost pleasure to deliver this collection in the first issue of the first volume of BANTAO Journal, the journal of the Balkan Cities Association of Nephrology, Dialysis, Transplantation and Artificial Organs. To start a journal in today's highly competitive international environment is a very hard task, which the BANTAO Council decided to undertake in order to extend the forum created by the congresses of our association into this written and time-enduring format. Our belief in the future of this journal is strong, because we can feel the strength of bonds in our association, and we can see the need for publicity for the work of our members. We have made every effort to eliminate errors in this publication, but knowing they may still remain, we hope to be forgiven.

Yours truly,
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