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## **Expanding Collaboration Between the Turkish Society of Bone and Joint Surgery and the Orthopaedic and Traumatology Communities of the Turkic World**

Dear Colleagues,

Founded in 2012, the Turkish Society of Bone and Joint Surgery (KECD) is a dynamic and rapidly growing professional organization committed to advancing scientific progress, strengthening clinical education, and fostering national and international collaboration in the field of orthopedics and traumatology. Since its establishment, KECD has become a prominent platform not only for scientific exchange and surgical training but also for promoting regional solidarity.

The Society's National Congress of Bone and Joint Surgery, held biennially with international participation, has become a respected scientific event where the latest advancements in the field are shared. In addition, KECD regularly organizes regional scientific meetings, cadaver labs, trauma education workshops, and various subspecialty symposia, all of which contribute to the continuous professional development of its members.

One of KECD's most defining characteristics is its long-term vision of building strong scientific ties with the Turkic World. Since 2018, the Society has organized the Turkic World Orthopedics and Traumatology Congress in cities including Baku (Azerbaijan), Almaty (Kazakhstan), Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), with the goal of enhancing both scientific and cultural collaboration.

Reflecting this international vision, the *Journal of Orthopaedic Surgery and Trauma*, which launched in April 2025, serves not only as the official journal of KECD, but also as a joint publication of the Azerbaijan Orthopedic Society and the Kyrgyzstan Orthopedic Society. This partnership will enhance the journal's regional impact and offer a high-quality, peer-reviewed platform for orthopedic research across the region.

With a strong commitment to continuing education, ethical surgical standards, and international collaboration, KECD remains dedicated to supporting the advancement of orthopedics at both national and regional levels. We invite all colleagues—especially those from Turkiye and the broader Turkic World—to contribute to this shared platform and help build a more connected and resilient orthopedic community.

Sincerely,

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