

Turkish Republics Ophthalmology Society (TROS) was conceived to be an international society in 2000 and it was founded later on January 15, 2001. Below is the number of our members as of **October 19, 2018**.

**TROS Member Summary / As of October 19, 2018**

Countries		Honorary members
Azerbaijan	533 people	<b>1514 Honorary members</b>
Bashkortostan	90 people	
Kazakhstan	231 people	
Kyrgyzstan	267 people	
Northern Cyprus	36 people	
Uzbekistan	232 people	
Turkmenistan	71 people	
Other countries	54 people	
Countries		Members
Turkey	619 people	<b>619 members</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2133 people</b>	

This society is a legal non-governmental organization, consisting of ophthalmologists from different countries that are fundamentally similar to each other in terms of language, culture, and some common historical background.

Indeed, a legislation was created in order for non-governmental organizations to have legal properties in which this society was perfected. This process was carried out in line with the laws of Turkish Republic, while ophthalmologists from other countries applied and became members of this society established with “international characteristics”.

This society was essentially planned to be an association-confederation, where the ophthalmology societies of every country congregate, with the hope that this structure might come true in the coming years.

The main aim of this society to hold meetings and share scientific results among members, communicate for educational purposes, and increase our members’ occupational knowledge, skills and scientific participation by ensuring positive cooperation opportunities with other international societies in the absolute scientific framework of the field of ophthalmology. Beside holding international scientific meetings in TROS member countries, also TROS scientific activities are held in TROS members’ locally held national or international congresses by their invitation.

To that end, TROS conducts scientific meetings in different countries and enables information exchange. In this field, Turkish Ophthalmology Society (TOS) supplies limited yet some financial contributions which allows a certain quota for TOS National Congress events, where ophthalmologists, members of TROS, from different countries are invited to take a role in scientific activities.

Thanks to the scientific communication and participation of its members who expand to an extensive geography, TROS seeks to fulfill the scientific needs in the international area and facilitate its members’ pursue of modern and advanced ophthalmology. Since 2008, TROS has been involved in mutual affairs and cooperation with AAO and ICO. Additional information may be found on TROS’ Turkish website at [www.tcod-tros.org](http://www.tcod-tros.org) address. Please use contact information if necessary.

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