

To Whom It May Concern,

Turkish Republics Ophthalmology Society (TROS) was conceived to be an international society in 2000 and later founded in 2001, thus having completed a process of 15 years. Below is the number of our members as of today.

TROS Member Summary As of June 23, 2016		
Countries		The number of Ophthalmologist TROS members
TOS countries	Azerbaijan	495 people
	Kazakhstan	189 people
	Kyrgyzstan	218 people
	Northern Cyprus	34 people
	Uzbekistan	134 people
	Turkmenistan	70 people
Other countries		123 people
Turkey		219 people

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, 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.

To that end, TROS conducts scientific meetings in different countries and enables information exchange. In this field, Turkish Ophthalmology Society (TOS) has the opportunity to benefit from scientific and 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. We inform you that we are ready to take further steps for this issue. You may refer to TROS' Turkish website at www.tcod-tros.org and we'll be glad to help you if you write us about anything you need when there is additional information.

In this regard, AAO aspires to participate in events that will enhance the cooperation and scientific sharing as TROS. We affirm that TROS is ready to do its best, and contribute to the development of this significant cooperation, in the way you show us.

Thanks and regards.

Sunay Duman
TROS President

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Süleyman Kaynak
TROS General Secretary

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