



# Turkish Journal of **COLORECTAL DISEASE**



## **In Memoriam: Dr. Neil Smart**

On behalf of the Editorial Board of the Turkish Journal of Colorectal Disease (TJCD)

Dr. Fatma Ayca Gultekin – Editor-in-Chief

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Dr. Neil Smart, Editor-in-Chief of Colorectal Disease, a distinguished colorectal surgeon, and a highly respected academic who contributed significantly to the advancement of our field worldwide.

Dr. Smart was not only a leading figure in scientific publishing but also a generous mentor and a collaborative spirit who inspired countless colleagues through his editorial leadership and professional integrity. His participation in the Editors Meet Reviewers session at the II. International Colorectal Surgery Congress and XIX. National Colon and Rectal Surgery Congress, organized by TJCD, remains a vivid and meaningful memory. In that session, he shared his invaluable editorial experience and thoughtful reflections on the global peer-review ecosystem.

Beyond his editorial legacy, Dr. Smart's influence extended deeply into the academic and clinical life of the colorectal surgery community. His wisdom, clarity of thought, and commitment to scientific excellence helped shape the standards we uphold today in research and publication.

On behalf of the entire Editorial Board of the Turkish Journal of Colorectal Disease and the Turkish Society of Colon and Rectal Surgery we extend our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Smart's family, colleagues, and the international colorectal surgery community. We mourn the loss of a true leader, educator, and advocate for science. His contributions will be remembered with great respect and gratitude.

May he rest in peace.