Editorial

Authoring textbooks of the international level: A national and professional responsibility

Since the Islamic revolution, there has been growing opposition between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Western world due to severed political international relations. In the past 10 years, under the pretense of sanctions, some western bigots have refused to publish results of research projects conducted by Iranian scientists in their medical or dental journals. Thanks to recent political reforms in our country and the Middle East, better relations between our country and the world are under way. Now isn't it time now to open the gates?

All researchers have a professional commitment and ethical responsibility to publish the results of their scientific studies. Publishers are supposed to be obligated to publish them. Important strides taken in this regard this year was the publication of several international books. Among these, the “Early Age Orthodontic Treatment” authored by Professor Bahreman (selected as the reference textbook of orthodontics and pediatric dentistry at Rochester University, NY) the founder of the departments of orthodontics and pediatric dentistry at Shahid Beheshti University and the valuable work “A Textbook of Advanced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery” edited by Professor Mohammad Hosein Kalantar Motamedi (an international reference book) and another book entitled the “Quality of Methodology of Studies Conducted by General and Post-Graduate Dental Students” authored by Dr. Elahe Vahid Dastjerdi and colleagues (published by an international academic publisher) are of mention. Such endeavors although tedious are highly commended. Thus, although “the road is bumpy and the destination far”, we should keep on working. As implied in a poem by the Persian poet Hafez Shirazi: “There is no road that does not end”. Thus, it is our national and professional responsibility to expand and enhance the quality and quantity of our scientific works especially in the fields of medicine and dentistry through national and international teamwork and collaboration. Despite the obstacles in our way, we pray for the elimination of bias, bigotry and politics from intervening in the path of international publication and distribution of scientific works.