


EDITORIAL

The Impact of History of Medicine on Scientific Society

In general, social growth and development of the society depend on the people and work force in that society, country or civilization. Always, whenever the interests of the community and society as a whole are preferred to the interests of the individual by the people, that society could growth and developed. The clear examples are Germany and Japan after World War II. These societies after only decades finishing the war, when it appears that are completely destroyed, raised again and nowadays are as most important and developed countries in the world. History and national identity create such a spirit in a society to prioritize national interests.

This fact is also especially true of the scientific communities. The scientists belongs to a scientific community when feel an identity to play role in science with the great impact would work harder and pursue bigger goals at the edges of knowledge. This mood and thinking have even more impact in comparison with instru-

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ments, facilities and budget, because work force has the most impact among other criteria for development. This fact is not only about institutional identity, but also can be seen in a society or country. In this regard, history of medicine and historical heritages in medical sciences in a civilization can made such identity among the scientists, medical professions and any other people who involved to health system in the country or society to do their best in their jobs.

Therefore, history of medicine is not only a sole discipline, but also it is tied to all majors of medical sciences to develop medicine. It is a practical view to history of medicine and its impact on scientific society.

