



## **A proven case of academic plagiarism which is rewarded. Governmental and academic insufficiencies that prevents the plagiarist**

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*Introduction:* Governmental, academic and ethical discordance for the detection and correction of plagiarism causes a free unethical environment. Legal issues must be similar to academic ethic rules in European countries to prevent academic and scientific corruption.

*Case:* An associated professor who needs scientific articles and papers for becoming a professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology choose a unethical way and produced a book section as an author although he did not write them. Originally these book chapters were Turkish translation of a well-known international textbook of Gynecology. Original chapters were only translated chapters of an international textbook and Turkish version of this textbook was published in Turkey with repeating editions. This plagiarist used this translated chapters in his cv and collect points for professorship due to the academic upgrading rules of Turkish Higher Education Council. Just one year later he published the same chapters in an another original Turkish textbook of Obst & Gyn like he wrote them. By this fraud some chapters of Novak's Textbook of Gynecology (LWW, USA) became published in two different and famous Textbooks in Turkish. One is the original Turkish version of Novak's Textbook of Gynecology and the other was a domestic textbook named "Basic Obstetrics and Gynecology". These two textbooks were sold separately and the domestic one became the bestseller by time until this plagiarism was detected by the author of this article.

This fraud was noticed by the author of this abstract and a legal and academic lawsuit was launched with several delations to different authorities. Turkish Medical Association, Turkish Higher Education Council, Turkish Ministry of Health and the publisher (Lippincott Williams Wilkins, USA) were all informed with enough evidences. The plagiarist was changing his university three times during these lawsuits and by this way none of universities were able to punish him for his fraud. Every university made a plagiarism evaluation by competent juries and all decided that this case is an exact plagiarism that must be punished but none could. The plagiarist used an effective tactic by the gaps in laws and he did not let any authority to have legal right to penalty him. The one and only authority that went to the result and decided a penalty of Professional ban for 15 days and a money fine. The plagiarist was found guilty by his professional organisation and 98% plagiarism was detected by a software. He was still working in a new university saying that "I made a new application for professorship that does not include that plagiarism proven chapters in my cv" and his "new" university found this enough to be cleared.

At the end of 5 years period after the beginning of lawsuit, person who stole the chapters of an Australia based known professor become professor despite the decision of two different universities and Turkish Medical Association as he made plagiarism.

Universities could not drawback the professor title of the plagiarist saying that he is no more their staff while Turkish Higher Education Council states that only universities can punish him.

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Only Turkish Medical Association made a true and honourable lawsuit and banned him from medical service for 15 days. The university he is still working did nothing saying that this guilt was before his application to their university and Turkish Ministry of Health stated that this is a problem related to education and they can not judge academic ethical problems. And finally a plagiarist is totally free and working in academic environment although he confessed the plagiarism he made. His only plea was the 10 years passed after the plagiarism and time out should be accepted.

National press, television channels and social media are all aware of this unethical professorship and plagiarism. Results and penalties were all announced to public but nothing could stop this plagiarist carrying unhonourable post and position in university.

Legal authorities could give a penalty to him saying that one of universities should be the complainant to trigger a court case. Normally, in developed countries and western World, any university itself can judge and penalize the plagiarist if that university made the academic upgrade of him. Problem may be diagnosed but cannot be solved unless one of the parties is stated as the major responsible and authorized one.

*Result:* Competent and authorised academic ethics departments are not enough to prevent plagiarism. Laws, legal methods, coordination between industry, universities and legal councils must be created and simultaneously operated to block academic plagiarism.

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