

## Academic freedom

### EDITORIAL

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Wherever I go in the world I am proud and privileged to be part of a group of committed academics interested in the truly global scientific field of traumatology. We can freely discuss our scientific field regardless of which country, religion or political system we belong to. Even if politicians in countries may not be on speaking terms, the scientists in these countries can still communicate with each others for the best development of the scientific field and with benefits for the trauma patients. Science goes beyond political, religious and cultural borders and it is an important ethical issue that scientific manuscripts can never be discriminated for these reasons. What

counts is the scientific value. Academic freedom is essential to the mission of the academy, and that scholars have freedom to teach and communicate scientific ideas and facts without being targeted for repression, job loss, or imprisonment. These values seem to be respected by most countries in the world for the scientific fields of medicine and dentistry but are still not given in all fields of academics.

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