The fifth issue of SPC is openly available once again. SPC is continuing its development and contributions into its third year of publication. This issue has five articles addressing important content areas, of which as for genre, three are original articles and two are research articles.

The two research articles offer psychometric studies. Yaman et al. have developed and validated a scale for assessing the spiritual coping strategies of childrearing mothers in a population of Turkish mothers. Picciotto et al., in their psychometric study of the Brazilian translation of the Spiritual Bypass Scale-13, tap into the dark side of spiritual experiences and provide further data on the possible maladaptive effects of this phenomenon.

The three practice-friendly original articles concentrate on psychotherapeutic interventions involving spirituality over three different populations with specific needs and vulnerabilities. Şahin presents interventions in family therapies using spiritual genograms. Kermen discusses interventions and techniques for children pushed into crime. In a similar fashion, Başer Baykal presents strategies and models for helping professionals working with parents who have lost one or more of their children. We hope that the three articles will be of benefit for a wide range of helping professionals.

On our way to the fifth issue, SPC has enjoyed wider acceptance. The journal’s availability and recognition has extended further after being included within new content platforms and indexes. The European Reference Index for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (ERIH PLUS) and the ULAKBIM TR Social and Humanities Database Journal List have accepted SPC as a title in their directories after their extensive evaluations. We, being the editorial board, once again express our gratitude to the authors, copy editors, our editorial members, and readers who have nurtured SPC thus far and reiterate our call for researchers and practitioners all over the world to contribute to the scientific literature on spiritual psychology and counseling by publishing in SPC.

Sincerely,

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