

EDITORIAL

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A NECESSARY EXPLANATION

Dear Volunteers of Turkology,

With its 33rd issue, our *Türklük Bilimi Araştırmaları -Journal of Turkology Researches* has now completed 17 years and turned 18. The line of publication, which was determined when the journal was first established in 1995 and published in 1996, has been maintained till now, with no breaking points. And there has been no delay with the publication intervals, apart from the very first preparation period.

In the first issues published, the articles were chosen by the Board of Publication, which has later been substituted by another process which suggested a “refereed journal” on a national level. Having proven its competence at that level, it has then been identified as an “international refereed journal”, and our journal continues on its way ahead by strengthening this identity.

Stylistic faults in the articles are trying to be rectified with the efforts of the Department of Chief Editors and with the guidance of the referee reports. If deemed appropriate by the Board of Publication, the contents are examined, and all three referee reports are taken into account by the editor.

But, some of such articles are rejected due either one of the reasons given below:

1. Negative opinion of the referees regarding scientific competency of an articles.
2. Conflict with the publication line of the journal in terms of the topic of the article

Due to the busy traffic of correspondence which gets more and more intense, we feel the need to make a new explanation about the line of publication of TÜBAR.

In some of the issues of the *Journal of Turkology Researches*, articles about teaching Turkish were published. We can even say that two issues (13 and 27) was a “special edition about teaching Turkish language”. However, the frequency of such articles has caused TÜBAR to tend towards a way of becoming a journal of educational sciences. In that respect, a few articles, which have already been decided to be published, will be taking place in the upcoming few issues; however, any such new articles will not be accepted. Exception to this decision will be comparative studies regarding some Turkish dialects.

To remind once again: Articles linked with the quality and price movements of the day are not in the scope of our interest, but history of economics is. We will not be considering an article describing how an education/training about topic A will be performed; however, history of education will remain as part of our area of interest.

Also, we would like to set forth a rule about symposium releases: Releases which could not be published although it has been at least five years since the time of symposium can be taken into account.

With the hopes and wishes of bringing you better and more mature issues...

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