

Editorial

The *Turkish Journal of Earth Sciences* is a publication of the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK). It was originally established in 1976 and has been published since that time, formerly as the *TÜBİTAK Doğa Journal*. The *Turkish Journal of Earth Sciences (TJES)* is an international English-language journal for the publication of significant original research and comprehensive reviews in all fields of the earth and planetary sciences, and also provides a medium for interdisciplinary papers that would be of interest to many specialists. Moreover, the journal has an internationally recognized editorial board of geoscientists from all over the world.

The year 2004 marked a milestone in the history of the *TJES* because in that year we were included in the ISI SCI Expanded List. We are proud of this accomplishment in so far as the *TJES* is only the fourth Turkish journal accepted for ISI SCI coverage and is the sole ISI SCI-covered earth-science journal published in Turkey. This success is due not only to our fine editorial board but also to those who have submitted their work to our journal. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who continue to support, motivate, and stimulate us in this endeavour.

Especially since our inclusion in the ISI SCI Expanded List, the *TJES* has attracted the attention of many native and foreign scientists working in Turkey and in nearby

regions; this has naturally led to an increase in the number of manuscripts submitted to the journal. Therefore, beginning in 2007, we have decided to increase the number of issues from three to four per year in order to facilitate more rapid publication of accepted manuscripts.

The *TJES* will continue to publish papers on sedimentology, palaeontology, biostratigraphy, palaeoecology, oceanography, geomorphology, geophysics, geochemistry, geochronology, mineralogy, igneous and metamorphic petrology, structural geology, tectonics, and mineral-deposits research. The journal is also interested in publishing review papers on hot topics in the earth sciences as well as discussions of papers that have appeared in recent issues of the journal. Finally, we would like to publish special issues of selected papers from conferences, and also welcome thematic sets of papers on topical aspects of geology.

Our ultimate goal is to establish the *Turkish Journal of Earth Sciences* as a truly international geological journal with worldwide impact. It is only with your continual support and input that this goal will be realized.

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