

# Editorial

The Turkish Journal of Earth Sciences (TJES) 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 TJES is a peer-reviewed international English-language journal for the publication of significant original research and comprehensive reviews in all fields of the earth sciences, and 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 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. Our next target is to see the TJES in the ISI SCI list.

The year 2010 marks another significant event concerning the TJES, because we have decided to increase the number of issues from four to six per year in order to facilitate more rapid publication of accepted manuscripts. Accepted papers are published online on the journal's website as soon as possible and they receive DOI numbers. In addition, we have a new submission system and since 1 June 2009 all manuscripts should be submitted online via the Manuscript Submission and Evaluation System, which can be accessed at <http://journals.tubitak.gov.tr/earth/index.php>. With this volume (volume 19), I would also like to welcome John A. Winchester as the new English editor of the journal. He has taken over from Steven K. Mittwede, who stepped down after

publication of volume 18. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him personally for his many years of dedicated service in maintaining the high international standard of the TJES.

The TJES publishes and will continue to publish the highest quality papers, with regional implications and high quality illustrations, on geology, structural geology, tectonics, sedimentology, geochemistry, geochronology, palaeontology, igneous and metamorphic petrology, mineralogy, biostratigraphy, geophysics, geomorphology, palaeoecology and oceanography, and mineral-deposits research. However, the journal will be more selective prior to the peer-review process and we wish to publish papers that will have regional impact and attract international interest. Specialized papers can be submitted only if they report a significant advance in the earth sciences with regional impact.

The journal is also interested in publishing comprehensive review papers on hot topics in the earth sciences as well as discussions of papers that have appeared in recent issues of the journal. We will also continue to publish special issues of selected papers from conferences, and welcome thematic sets of papers on topical aspects of geology. In the coming issues there will be a number of thematic sets of papers, devoted to 'active tectonics of Turkey', 'geology of the Black Sea', 'A-type granites and related mineralization in the Tethyan Belt (from Pyrenees through Turkey to Indonesia)', 'Tertiary larger foraminifera: evolution, biostratigraphy, palaeoecology and palaeobiogeography', 'Neogene climatic evolution in Eurasia' and 'Cretaceous rudists and carbonate platforms'.

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.

**Erdin Bozkurt**

Editor in Chief