

From the Editor

Dear Readers of TOJDE;

Three months are over since the 1st October 2002. Now again I am pleased to inform you that Vol.:4, Number:1 issue of The Turkish Online Journal of Distance Education-TOJDE has been issued on the web site <http://tojde.anadolu.edu.tr> TOJDE is meeting with its readers for the 9th time, since 2000 January.

In this issue place has been given to four articles, notes for editor, two book reviews, six news, information about one institution and one journal and three links deal with Anadolu University take place. This issue's articles came from Malaysia, Australia and Turkey and according to alphabetical order.

In this issue of TOJDE "Notes for Editor" section includes Assistant professor J. Howard Baker's article who is Editor, E-Journal of Organizational Learning and Leadership, titled as "An E-Journal That Facilitates Faculty-Student Collaboration" from University of Louisiana at Monroe, USA. In his article he states that an important mission confronting educators is that of challenging students to do scholarly research and publishing. Faculty-student collaboration is an important aspect of this endeavor. A unique web site (www.weLeadInLearning.org) has been created that supports interdisciplinary research, writing, and faculty-student collaboration. The web site hosts the new E-Journal of Organizational Learning and Leadership, which contains a college student's section as well as a professional section.

The first article is dealt with "Managing Virtual Teams in a Virtual University - Students' Experiences", written Dr. Kamal KISHORE JAIN, Associate Professor, from University Tun Abdul Razak, Malaysia. In his article it is mentioned that "The growing market of e-learning now faces the challenges of equaling the success of traditional classroom. As there are some serious opportunities in all this, there are many obstacles to overcome. One serious drawback of this system is that it lacks human touch. However, by the use of virtual teams universities offering such kind of learning environment can overcome the problem of lack of human touch".

The second article is joint study from Hong Kong and written by Davey YEUNG from The University of South Australia. His article is entitled as "Toward An Effective Quality Assurance Of Web-Based Learning: The Perspective Of Distance Learning Students". His article points out that contribute in identifying the critical success factors within the framework of quality assurance model for Web-based learning. By understanding the key factors from student perspective, management at distance education institutions can evaluate and enhance their quality assurance mechanism so that they can improve the quality of their services to the students.

The third article which is about "The Factors Affecting The Success In English Proficiency Exams And Possible Contributions of The Internet", written by Assist. Prof. Dr. Ismail Hakki MIRICI, Kirikkale University, Kirikkale, Turkey. His paper contains an experimental study. The purpose of his paper is to examine, with the eyes of a programme designer, the obstacles of the exam takers who cannot be successful enough in the proficiency exams although they have studied English for a long period of time; and to introduce some practical solutions to their problems via internet as well.

The fourth article belongs to Haluk YAPICIOGLU. Department of Industrial Engineering, Anadolu University, Eskisehir-TURKEY. His article is entitled as "Designing A Database Management System For Course Design In Distance Education". His paper aims to apply a

systematical approach to manage the costs of distance education course design in Open Education Faculty of Anadolu University. In this framework, an overview of the distance education course delivery materials design processes is presented. In particular Open Education Faculty's course delivery materials design processes are examined.

In this issue's "Reviews" section contains one book review. The book which is reviewed by S K Pulist, which is entitled as "Education Technology", edited by Satya Pal Ruhela (ed) and published by Indian Publishers Distributors, Delhi (India), 2002 pp i-iv, 362, Indian Rupees 595, Hard Cover. Book is divided into 34 Chapters, the volume is a compilation of works of different masters of their areas.

Some columns in the News section of TOJDE are still available in this issue. For example, "some statistical data and figures" are kept dealing with the past issues and (Vol.:3 No.:3) for visitors or readers of TOJDE. Another subject is dealing with some Tojde dealers and readers' feelings and their expressions which had been sent to the editor-in-chief about TOJDE's perception, also has been kept. This Column will be carried on the following issues due. Since your feelings and expressions are always welcomed to the TOJDE's Editorial, we believe that you will do your best expression on your feelings and opinions about TOJDE in due course. Columns which are entitled "Advertising in the TOJDE", "Anadolu University's Articles" and "TOJDE's Links Are Getting More" still kept in this issue. As a new subject, TOJDE's links are increasing day by day in the electronic medium. Some journals, printed journals and university libraries are added into the addresses of TOJDE to their database. In this issue you will see the "New" sign on some of these added links. I hope it will be so interesting to see TOJDE's link under your institution in this column. Two additional news came from India and an evaluation of TOJDE by Mitch's Eval of DL Resources. Evaluation contains cooperation of TOJDE and Distance Education on the World Wide Web journals. An interesting data obtained in the name of TOJDE. Many thanks to them.

This Issue's Featured Journal is; new two e-journals from Asia and Europe. First of them is "New Asian Journal of Distance Education (AsianJDE)". The aim of the new AsianJDE are to disseminate scholarly works and information useful to researchers and practitioners in the growing field of distance education in Asia, and to provide a forum for discussions within and directly relating to Asia. Second Journal is an online journal is "Le Magazine: Education and Culture in Europe" This magazine is published twice a year, in June and December, by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. This issue focuses on lifelong learning, mobility within Europe, and the opportunities arising from new technology with regards to these issues. Published by European Commission, Education and Culture DG.

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Happy New years.

**Happy reading and hope to stay in touch and meet in next issue on April 2003.
Cordially Yours,**

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