

Foreword by the Retiring Editor

NEW AND PROMISING EDITOR FOR TEKNİK DERGİ

When I expressed my desire to give up my duty as the Editor of Teknik Dergi, I was politely invited to propose a name as my successor. Based on our twenty years of acquaintance and five years of collaboration, I considered Professor Alper İlki as the most appropriate candidate.

Before making my proposal, I asked for his consent and he kindly agreed. I am pleased to see that the Executive Board of the Chamber of Civil Engineers has approved my proposal.

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I started my brief talk by sharing my sentiments:

“When a young man sought the father’s consent (in the good old days) for his beloved daughter’s hand of marriage, the father would feel the urge to make a speech of the following kind:

‘Look young man, she is the apple of my eye. I brought her up my heart full of love and affection. She is so tender and fragile that I demand you to promise to handle her with utmost care and attention. Otherwise...’

Alper interrupted with a smile:

‘I very well understand what you mean. I indeed have a daughter approaching that age. I promise to treat your beloved journal with utmost care and attention.’

I am fully contented. I know without a doubt that Professor İlki will perform the duty better than I did, vis-à-vis the changing principles of international journal publication and the developing procedures and technologies. I wholeheartedly wish him good luck.

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the present and past members of the Editorial Board for their valuable efforts to sustain and improve Teknik Dergi.

I am also grateful to the present and past Executive Boards of the Chamber of Civil Engineers for their continuous support during our long-lasting collaboration.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to mention my dear old friends Professor Metin Ger and the late Mr. Ender Arkun who have been my most dependable consultants from the very beginning, from the brain storming meetings in 1989 to the present. Professor Ger agreed to stay on the Editorial Board despite his strong desire to retire. Thank you Metin, for all your support and advice and for staying on with me.

My best wishes.

Professor Tuğrul Tankut