

Foreword

THANKS TO OUR FOUNDING EDITOR MILESTONES AND FUTURE TARGETS OF TEKNIK DERGI

Dear Readers and Authors,

Since its establishment in 1990, Teknik Dergi has become an increasingly recognized and prestigious journal due to dedicated efforts of a number of individuals, such as members of the current and previous editorial boards, reviewers, advisory board members, contributing authors, and the continuous strong support of the executive board of Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers. Among all these respected contributors, one name requires a special mention; Professor Tuğrul Tankut of Middle East Technical University, who has been serving for the establishment and development of Teknik Dergi since 1989. Over the course of 34 years; his leadership, wisdom, enthusiasm, discipline and diligence have been the major constituents of the success of Teknik Dergi.

This issue of Teknik Dergi, in its 33rd year, marks a smooth change in the editorship of Teknik Dergi, from the first generation to the next generation. It is a great honor and a huge responsibility to be the successor of our founding editor Professor Tuğrul Tankut. While the name of the editor will be changed from this issue on, the previous editorial board will continue to work following the strong and well-established principles of Teknik Dergi without sacrificing from its high-quality standards. It is also an honor for us that we will still have Professor Tankut in the board to support and guide us now and in future. In addition to him, Professor Metin Ger, who has also been contributing to Teknik Dergi since its establishment will continue his service in the editorial board.

On this occasion, a summary of the milestones for Teknik Dergi is summarized below:

1990 January; publication of the first issue of Teknik Dergi

2004 January; free online access to all issues of Teknik Dergi

2008 July; inclusion in Web of Science Core Collection-Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)

2017 January; online submission, communication, review and decision procedure adapted

2017 January; online publication and DOI assignment upon acceptance

2018 January; bilingual Teknik Dergi with 3 issues in Turkish and 3 issues in English per year

2019 January; towards sustainability targets; online publication and distribution (with limited printed volumes)

2021 February; establishment of advisory board composed of eminent individuals from all over the world

2022 January; two issues in Turkish and four issues in English per year

2023 January; change of journal title to “Turkish Journal of Civil Engineering”

2023 January; all issues in English (with few papers in Turkish)

The targets we set in 2023 for Teknik Dergi, the first and unique journal in Turkey in the field of civil engineering, indexed by Web of Science Core Collection and Scopus; are faster evaluation of the submitted manuscripts, further internationalization, wider recognition and further improvement in terms of journal rankings. It should also be mentioned here that open access nature of the journal with no cost to the authors will continue as was the case since 1990. We are also proud about this unique feature of Teknik Dergi. We are eagerly looking forward to receive high quality contributions from all around the world to this unique and advancing journal, which consistently follows its ethical and well-established principles by adapting itself to the developing technology and recent advances.

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On behalf of the Editorial Board