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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

We are very pleased to present you the articles in the 72nd issue, contributed by respected researchers from various universities and research centers. The Turkish Psychological Counseling and Guidance Journal aims to share the latest research and developments in the field of counseling and guidance, and to promote scholarly interaction in this area.

The waiting period for the articles published in this issue varies between 2 and 13 months, with the average publication time being 8.5 months. From time to time, researchers who submit articles complain about their articles being published late. Every researcher undoubtedly wants his/her article to be published as soon as possible. One of the two most important factors that determine the publication time of an article is the review speed of the referees, and the other is the time spent by the author(s) to complete the corrections and resubmit them to the journal, if corrections are given. Our academicians who serve as referees have a great responsibility in the rapid publication of articles sent to our journal. We would like to express our gratitude to our referees who accepted the duty of refereeing among their busy schedules and evaluated it quickly. However, although we send articles to many academicians for evaluation, we receive positive responses from only a small portion of them. Surely, reviewing is a difficult and time consuming work. But declining to review extends the time taken to obtain an evaluation as we need to contact again other people. At the same time, it may often take long before we receive the referee commends. Just as our referees would want their own articles to be published as soon as possible, we would kindly ask them to consider the same when undertaking their referee duty. We think that if our referees would be able to sacrifice a bit more of their valuable time and return their commends earlier, we can reduce our article publication time from 8.5 months to 6 months.

We owe thanks to many people for the publication of this issue. We extend our sincere thanks to the authors for their valuable contributions to this journal. Their research has significantly enriched the field of psychological counseling and guidance. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our valuable reviewers for their dedicated work and insightful feedback. Without your contributions, our journal would not have reached this level of excellence.

My final thanks go to the editorial team and the editing, page-setting and technical support team. They worked carefully in the selection process of the articles in this issue, striving to enhance the quality and diversity of our journal.

We hope that the studies presented in this issue will be beneficial to practitioners, academics, and policymakers in the field of psychological counseling and guidance. We look forward to your constructive criticisms and feedback.

Thank you for your interest and support in our journal.

Best regards,

Prof. Dr. Metin PİŞKİN Editor-In-Chief