

## Greetings Dear readers of TOJDE,

I am pleased to inform you that Volume 6, Number: 3 is appearing on your screen now as which is addressed <http://tojde.anadolu.edu.tr>. Very much thanks to all of you once more that we met 19th time, since January 2000. As we announced in Volume: 6 Number: 1-2 issue, July 2005 issue of TOJDE would published on the subject that "Use of Distance and e-Learning within and with the Middle East Countries". And me Dr. Gokdag did it proudly, under patronage of this issue's guest editor; Dr. Gilly Salmon.

In addition, I would like to announce for all you, that Volume: 7 Number: 2 will publish as the 4th Special Theme Issue of TOJDE in April 2006. This issue will be prepare by Guest Editor Takeshi UTSUMI, Ph.D., P. E. (Founder and V. P. for Technology and Coordination of Global University System (GUS), USA) and Guest Co-Editor Associate Professor Piet KOMMERS (from University of Twente, The Netherlands). In this special issue is to indicate foresight, innovation, and strategy for the future direction of e-learning, more than web-oriented teaching and multipoint videoconferencing, for collaborative, distributed, experiential learning and creation of new knowledge, with youngsters around the world, which hence promote mutual understanding for global peace. Emphasis will be on knowledgeable and inspiring papers (but not limited) on the use of GRID networking technology with distributed computer simulation for experiential (hands-on) learning through broadband Internet, across national, continental and oceanic boundaries. Subjects are in any fields of e-learning and e-healthcare/telemedicine, in research, case studies, project descriptions, implementation, reports from the field or book review.

Preparing this special issue with Dr. Salmon, took 6 months, from the beginning to the arrival period to the on your screen. This period was shorter than the first special issue publishing in 2004. Of course this success belongs to this issue's guest editor who I will explain a bit details him below and what did he do during in his period.

A short story of this special issue is here if you are interested in. The first idea and suggestion came from me to Dr. Salmon, who is from University of Leicester, the U.K. I asked her via e-mail if he would accept guest editorship responsibility for this 3rd Special Theme Issue of TOJDE for publishing on July 2005 as Volume 6 Number 3. We started initial contacts about "to establish draft text of call for papers" with my dear colleagues Dr. Gokdag and Dr. Salmon who were well known at the distance education field and member of TOJDE's editorial board since 2000 January. Later on, abstracts of the manuscripts had arrived to her who was the leader of guest editorial team on determined deadline. A total of nearly eight abstracts were submitted. Some of them had been withdrawn by the some reasons which I could not want to declare them details here. At the end, 5 manuscripts were accepted for publishing in 3rd Special issues of TOJDE.

During this process, Dr. Salmon served very healthy communication between the authors. In addition, she spared his valuable time, beside his other academic activities and responsibilities in the name of her university, her lectures, and researches, duties for distance education field and for TOJDE as well.

Each article in this issue has therefore been read carefully by Gilly; me and Dr. Gokdag. This process has maximized the quality and rigour of the published articles.

5 articles and one Notes for Editor writing are published in 3rd Special Theme Issue which written by 5 authors, where from the Canada, Iran, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Mark LAMONTAGNE from Canada, Mohammad Bagher ROKNI from

Iran, Cengiz H. AYDIN from Turkey, Tony CHURCHIILL from the United Kingdom and Takeshi UTSUMI from the United States.

In addition to the articles, "notes for editor" books review and news, sections are still keeping in this issue too. "Anadolu University's Articles" and "TOJDE's links are getting more" columns are still keeping in this issue too.

I would like to express my sincere thanks especially to Dr. Salmon in the name of my University and also for TOJDE she was the leader of the guest editorial team in this special issue. She will give detail info about structure of the articles in her "From Guest Editors" article.

I strongly believe that experience gained on this third special issue would encourage us and other interested colleagues in the field in the near future. Below you will find short biodata about guest editors.

### About The Guest Editors for The Special Issues



Gilly Salmon

Prof. Dr. Salmon has been an editorial board member of TOJDE since its inception. Dr. Gilly Salmon is Professor of E-learning & Learning Technologies at the University of Leicester in the UK ([www.le.ac.uk](http://www.le.ac.uk)) which has a large number of post graduate distance learners across a wide range of disciplines. Previously she chaired the online and distance Certificate in management programme at the Open University Business School, with responsibility for 6,000 students per annum throughout Europe. Previously Director of Presentation for the Open University Business School and leader of the OUBS's team researching, developing and embedding Information and Communication technologies into administration, teaching and learning in the School's large scale management education programmes and business processes. She is an active researcher in the use of online teaching with a special focus on moderating in computer mediated conferencing, change models in education and the role of the online teacher and tutor.

In addition she is a keynote speaker and workshop leader at e-learning conferences around the world (see web site for examples). She continues to research, write and publish in the area of online learning. Her recent books include E-moderating (2004) and E-tivities (2002), both available in many languages. Professor Salmon, has two research degrees, one in e-learning and one in change management, and says she needs both in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century education world!

<http://tojde.anadolu.edu.tr/editors/gillycv.htm> or  
<http://www.atimod.com/profile/qsalmon.shtml>.



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Dr. Dursun Gokdag has been an editorial board member of TOJDE since its inception too. He has thirty years experience-both practical and theoretical- in design and development of educational TV programs. Comprehensive knowledge on preparation of written materials for self-instruction (Ph.D. thesis is on written materials in distance education). Highly knowledgeable in need assessment, course design and Instructional material desing in Distance Education or Distance learning. 1965-1969 University of Ankara Faculty of Education department of Educational Economy Planning and Management. B.A. 1972-1974 University of Ankara, Faculty of Education. M.B.A. 1979-1985 Doctoral studies, Academy of Economic and Commercial Sciences. Ph.D. 1986 Assis. Prof.1987 Assoc. Prof. 1994 Full Prof. See for details

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Hope to stay in touch and lets meet in next Issue, in October 2005.

Cordially,

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