

Foreword, March 2018

THE FIRST ISSUE IN ENGLISH

The journal in your hand is the first issue of Teknik Dergi in English. As explained in detail in the foreword of the July 2017 issue, Teknik Dergi has adopted a bi-lingual publication policy starting from the beginning of 2018. As announced earlier, Teknik Dergi has decided to publish January, May and September issues fully in Turkish and March, July and November issues fully in English from this year on.

Initially the Editorial Board has been concerned about the difficulty of creating a sufficient and sustainable inflow of manuscripts in English. Teknik Dergi has been accepting English manuscripts in the last six months. Observations in this period are somewhat encouraging. Statistics indicate approximately equal number of Turkish and English manuscripts received. Presently, reviewers do not appear to be very satisfied with the content and quality of the manuscripts in English, consequently the decline rate is a little higher for the English manuscripts. However, this higher rate of decline is not considered alarming and not expected to cause a serious problem. It seems that a sufficient number of papers of acceptable scientific quality can be produced. The Editorial Board therefore maintains its optimism and hopes that such difficulties will gradually fade away.

Another concern of the Editorial Board is related to the quality of manuscript language. Some of the manuscripts are not written in correct, clear and understandable English, although their scientific content is satisfactory. Such manuscripts require a thorough revision and editing. To this end, one of the Teknik Dergi co-editors has been appointed as the “English Proof Reader” to review the manuscripts accepted for publication.

We wish the bi-lingual Teknik Dergi starting today to last long and be successful.

With kind regards,

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On behalf of the Editorial Board

