

EDITORIAL

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DERGİPARK ARTICLE TRACKING SYSTEM

Distinguished Turkology Research volunteers,

In order for *Journal of Turkology Research* to record the process of the peer review of articles and all the communication procedures with the author as of the 40th issue of our journal, we wanted to perform our editorial through Dergipark article tracking system. However, the process of both 40th and 41st issues were conducted through e-mail instead of abovementioned system for fear of a delay. Because writers were complaining that they could not upload articles, and we, as the administrators of the journal were complaining that we could not see the articles that were said to be uploaded. Under these unexpected difficulties, we postponed our decision and were able to publish the 40th and 41st issues without delay. Though, we should now be able to process the 42nd issue through the Dergipark article tracking system.

In fact, it was not just TÜBAR that went through the trouble. Other journals were also expressing the same complaints. In the meantime, Ulakbim renewed the article tracking system to overcome the problem. The elimination of the faults has made the system more useful. However, we cannot say that we can easily handle the process.

First of all, it is difficult to reach the referees. In order for the editor to appoint a referee, the instructor concerned has to be registered in the Dergipark article tracking system. But it seems that many of them have signed with a pseudonym that has nothing to do with their first and last name. In this case, it is necessary for the system to be suitable for searching by the name of the person (the real name of the instructor), or those who sign up to the system should be warned that they should not use a

pseudonym that does not remind their name and surname. However, another complaint is that the referees have to wait too long to upload files but they cannot succeed anyway. For this reason, many journals do not even want to use this system.

In addition, authors and referees have problems in accessing the website of Dergipark as well. The reason is that, instead of the current address of the Dergipark system (<http://dergipark.gov.tr/>), they try to operate through previous internet address (dergipark.ulakbim.gov.tr/?). Perhaps most of the glitches stem from this address confusion.

All the difficulties we have mentioned can be solved with tiny interventions of Dergipark technical team.

Despite all, the fact that our scientific journals carry out their transactions through this system is extremely necessary to establish a repository of related information and statistics.

Most of the academic journals in Turkey send their articles to two referees. However, *Journal of Turkology Research* has been persistent in getting reports from three referees since the very beginning. This means that our journal has much more difficulty in the process described above. Nevertheless TÜBAR will remain in the system.

With the hopes and wishes of bringing you better and more mature issues...

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