Editorial - Letter from the Incoming Editor-in-Chief

I am honored to have been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry (TJAF)* as of 24 September 2014. In this editorial letter I would like to share with you my plans regarding the journal and important information for prospective authors.

I am very grateful to TÜBİTAK for giving me this opportunity to serve as the new Editor-in-Chief of *TJAF*. I look forward to working with our Editorial Board, our referees and authors, and the *TJAF* staff to ensure the journal's continuing development and success. I hope that the quality of this journal will continue to improve to better serve the needs of the agriculture and forestry community.

*TJAF* has achieved good scientific visibility due to the efforts of the previous Editors-in-Chief and the Editorial Board members. Besides being a past *TJAF* Editorial Board member, I have served on several other editorial boards of international journals. I intend to continue in this vein and hope to raise the scientific prestige and appeal of *TJAF*. This can be achieved through close collaboration with the Editorial Board, a greater focus on agriculture and forestry, and special emphasis on emerging technologies.

In 2015 the journal will focus more closely on original papers that address significant problems in agriculture and forestry. The journal will also be applying higher standards in accepting papers for publication. As Editor-in-Chief, I will be looking for results that are of significant interest to the majority of the journal's readers, not narrowly specialized research.

The papers published in this issue (Number 6) were accepted by the former Editor-in-Chief, Prof Dr Ahmet Yıldırım. We would like to extend special thanks to Prof Yıldırım for his efforts.

On behalf of the entire community of the *TJAF* readers, authors, reviewers, and editorial board members, I would like to thank, once again, TÜBİTAK.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and welcome your ideas and comments regarding *TJAF*.

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