

## **From The Editor**

The Turkish Journal of Zoology has been selected for coverage in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE) from the beginning of 2008. Since the first issue in 1976, I believe that all editors and the editorial staff have worked hard to increase the quality of Turk J Zool. I am proud to be able to announce that Turk J Zool has been included in SCIE under my editorship. I thank the members of the Advisory Board, authors, reviewers, readers, and the journal's editorial staff for their contributions.

After a short evaluation process of six months by Thomson Scientific, Turk J Zool was included in SCIE. This shows that Turk J Zool already meets the journal selection criteria, such as the journal's content, focus, format, adherence to publication schedule, geographic origin, citation record, timeliness of publication, adherence to international editorial conventions, and English Language Bibliographic Information.

Turk J Zool is a very important journal in this region. Zoogeographically, Turkey is located among three continents: Europe, Asia, and Africa, and is home to many animal species originating from Europe, Asia, Siberia, Africa, and the Mediterranean. In comparison to European countries and other neighbouring countries, Turkey has more species of animals. In addition, new species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and invertebrates are described from Turkey by Turkish and foreign scientists. Many scientists from Turkey and other countries research the taxonomy, ecology, sociobiology, histology, evolutionary biology, and population genetics of these animals in Turkey.

Turk J Zool is published in a country inhabited by many animal species and it is the only zoology journal indexed in SCIE in Turkey. I believe that many high quality papers are not going to be submitted in future to other journals in the SCIE, due to the fact that Turk J Zool is now included in the SCIE. Thus the submission of papers on animals from Turkey, Europe, Asia, and Africa to Turk J Zool will increase knowledge of the ecology, systematic, genetics, and zoogeography of the animals in this area.

Again, I extend my sincerest gratitude to all the individuals who have contributed to the Turkish Journal of Zoology. Turk J Zool needs further contributions by the authors, readers, reviewers, Advisory Board, and editorial staff so as to further increase the quality of the journal. The next goal of Turk J Zool is to be included among the most respected zoology journals in the world.

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