

A Message from the New Editor-in-Chief

I am delighted to write my first editorial as Editor-in-Chief of the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*. Over the years, as a contributor, reader, and member of the editorial board, I have been a multi-beneficiary of this journal. It is a tremendous honour for me to be selected as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*, a prestigious and well-regarded journal. I am grateful to the publisher (TÜBİTAK) for trusting me with the opportunity to fulfil this important role. I am humbled to have been chosen to lead this important journal and owe a great debt of gratitude to Prof. Dr. İsmail ÇAKMAK, the previous editor of the journal, who served the journal well for several years and has been so kind and generous to me personally during the recent transition. Prof. Dr. ÇAKMAK's accomplishments as editor are many, but one that stands out is the journal's inclusion in the Science Citation Index Expanded.

From a personal perspective, taking a leadership role at the journal will enable me once again to become closely involved in the dynamic scientific community. I am honoured to work with academics, practitioners, readers, authors, and contributors, who contribute first-rate research and expertise. I am a professor at the Soil Science and Plant Nutrition Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Ankara University. My main fields of expertise are plant nutrition, plant physiology, soil fertility, and fertilizers.

During my tenure as Editor-in-Chief, I plan to build upon my predecessors' successes by exploring ways to enhance further this already significant journal. I will work to improve the journal's impact factor by encouraging the top laboratories and scientists both in the region and elsewhere in the world to publish some of their best work in the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*. I will continue to build a high quality editorial board. In the near future full electronic submission via the web will commence. Although we will face significant competition from other journals, this move will increase our potential base of submissions and make the journal more attractive to prospective contributors, many of whom I believe already have some affection for or loyalty to the journal and its publisher (TÜBİTAK). I want to assure our loyal readers and authors that we will continue to accept high-quality manuscripts in various fields of agriculture and forestry at both national and international level.

Ultimately, my tenure as Editor-in-Chief will be judged by the quality of the science that is published in the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry*. I am confident that with the help and commitment of our superb Editorial Board, our loyal readers and authors, and our outstanding peer reviewers, and managing staff the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry* will thrive. I would like to thank all of them and express my sincere appreciation for their support. I look forward to continuing this relationship and receiving all of your (authors, readers, reviewers, and editorial board) support, suggestions, and ideas for making the *Turkish Journal of Agriculture and Forestry* more valuable for our research community.

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