

EDITORIAL

Dear Colleagues,

I am glad to announce that our journal, Bezmialem Science, has been included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), which was launched by Thomson Reuters, and the articles published in our journal will be placed in this index and thus, reached by international academic community. In this way, reputation of our articles, authors, and institutions will increase and the chance of being cited will rise for our studies also published in English.

One of the main goals in the December issue of 2014 was to be indexed in the TUBITAK ULAKBIM TR Index. I would like to state that we have met all criteria in 2015 and Bezmialem Science will be indexed in the TUBITAK ULAKBIM TR Index as of 2016.

I believe that 2016 will be a new beginning for our journal and the journal will climb the national and international steps rapidly owing to extended editor assistants. I thank all reviewers and authors who have contributed to our journal. I would like to remind that we accept your articles in Turkish or you can submit in English. We also translate your Turkish articles into English free of charge and publish them. In this way, it is aimed to have your articles accessed and read by more people.

An important marker that demonstrates scientific value of a journal is impact factor. It is a concept related to the rate of a journal's articles' being cited by other journals or scientific publications. Although Journal Citation Reports (JCR) was begun to be published firstly in 1975, the history of ideas on this subject dates to 1920s. The first idea on the use of impact factor was suggested by Dr. Eugene GARFIELD, the founder of ISI, in 1955, but this concept was developed by ISI in 1960s. Despite the fact that the calculation logic of impact factor value is simple, an improved software system is required. Impact factor value generally shows 2-year results, but using 5-year impact factor values is healthier.

In the academic community, citation rate of an article is very important both for authors and for the institution. In addition, citation rates of the articles published in that journal has a role in the calculation of impact factor, which is the criterion mostly considered while evaluating the quality of a scientific journal. Therefore, being cited is very significant also for a scientific journal.

Your making benefit of the articles that were previously published in Bezmialem Science and showing these articles as references in your papers that will be submitted to national and international journals will provide a great contribution to carrying our journal to important international indexes. However, I would like to emphasize that this must be elaborately carried out within the framework of scientific publication ethics.

I would like to state once more again that, for Bezmialem Science, which is official scientific journal of Bezmialem Vakif University, to be internationally recognized, we expect your support and your new articles in accordance with ethical rules with regard to citations as well as authorship and reviewership.

I wish the New Year to bring health, happiness, peace and success to all people as well as to our country.

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