

Foreword

SOME CHANGES AND THEIR STATISTICAL REFLECTIONS

Teknik Dergi (Technical Journal), the open access scientific and technical journal of the Turkish Chamber of Civil Engineers (TCCE), publishes articles reflecting original research studies and novel contributions to practice of civil engineering.

The main purpose of Teknik Dergi is to inform the Turkish and international civil engineering communities, especially the members of TCCE, about the current scientific and technical developments, thus to contribute to the improvement of civil engineering practices. In other words, to serve as a bridge between the world of research and the world of practice.

Initially, only articles in Turkish were accessible in print. In 2004, “online” access was also made available. Starting from 2017, all articles accepted for publication have been assigned a DOI. Thus, the accepted articles became effectively published worldwide. In 2018, two fundamental statutory changes were made in order to improve international recognition. Since then, Teknik Dergi is bilingual and publishes six issues per year, three in Turkish and three in English.

After the changes introduced in 2017-2018

- Until 2017, the number of articles submitted for consideration per year gradually increased from 40 to 80. After statutory changes there has been an abrupt increase in the number of articles to the range of 80 to 160 per year. Furthermore, based on the limited data available, rate of increase of the submitted articles has risen too.
- Before 2017, on the average 20 articles were published per year. After 2017, this number gradually increased and in 2020 it was almost doubled to 40.
- The number of articles in each issue gradually increased from 5 to 6, on the average. The change from 4 issues per year to 6 issues per year, effective 2018 and onward, was apparently the reason for keeping the number of articles per issue within the range of 5-6.
- The duration of the manuscript review processes decreased steadily from 450 days on the average in the pre-change period to an average of 230 days in 2020.

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