

Foreword

ON THE FUTURE OF BILINGUAL PUBLICATION POLICY

Since adoption of the bilingual publication policy, Teknik Dergi annually publishes three issues in Turkish and three in English as of January 2018. Initially, the Editorial Board had been concerned about a sustainable inflow of English manuscripts. However, this concern faded away soon as the manuscripts in English outnumbered the Turkish ones. Observations over the last two years give the impression that this tendency will probably continue, it may even get stronger. This imbalance could so far be compensated by including a larger number of papers in the issues in English. Evidently, this approach is not sufficient by itself any more, since a sizeable accumulation of English manuscripts is building up.

In view of the statistical analyses and a comprehensive evaluation of the publication principles, it was concluded that publication of four issues in English and two issues in Turkish would be feasible. The current publication regime will be continued throughout 2021, since the issues to be published that year have already been organised. As of the beginning of the following year, January, March, July and September issues will be published in English and May and November issues in Turkish. The Editorial Board has decided to have the forthcoming issues organised accordingly.

In the case if the number of English Manuscripts increases further, regular publication of the Turkish issues may become hard, even unfeasible, and a different publication regime may become unavoidable. Various alternatives are being considered in this respect, the final decision will be taken in the light of the developments observed in due course.

Turkish engineers have lately improved their foreign language (English in particular) reading and writing capabilities. This is probably the result of the improvements in English teaching in universities, besides the ever-increasing use of the Internet. The academia, on the other hand, are improving their communication and collaboration activities globally. Consequently, the authors of Teknik Dergi are becoming more enthusiastic to draft their papers in English. Although the drafting language of the recently received papers appear to be improving, some manuscripts still reflect an unacceptably poor English. The authors are encouraged to have their manuscripts reviewed by someone having a good command of English, a native speaker if possible.

With our best wishes...

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On behalf of the Editorial Board