

FROM THE EDITOR

NEU Journal of Social Sciences has completed its fifth year of publication with this issue published on October 2012. We would like to give some statistical information to our readers regarding the performance of our journal in this period, for facilitating a candid evaluation of our performance. During the last five years 74 articles, written by scholars who belong to 33 different academic institutions, including Near East University, have been published in our Journal. Out of 74, 13 articles (18 %) are endeavours of the scholars who are working at Near East University; the remaining 61 articles are works of scholars working in 32 different academic institutions located in 7 different countries outside of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. Abstracts of the articles published in our journal can be reached through our web page located at sosbilder@neu.edu.tr. The above given figures clearly points out that, within the course of five years, *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* has become an international forum open to all scholars and intellectuals.

NEU Journal of Social Sciences is being published regularly in a continuous manner every April and October of each year, without any delay, since its first issue on April 2008. Our Journal was placed under the coverage of *Sociological Abstracts* and *Worldwide Political Science Abstracts* at the end of its first publication year and now also it is respectively under the coverage of *EconLit*, *EBSCOhost* and *ULAKBIM*.

When the above given information is taken into consideration, it is righteous to claim that *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* is now an internationally recognized refereed journal and an international forum open to all scholars and intellectuals. Thus, we are pleased to witness that, we were able to actualize “our wish and determination of *NEU Journal of Social Sciences* being an international forum open to all scholars and intellectuals” substantially.

In this context, on behalf of Editorial Board, I would like to express our gratitude to all scholars who made substantial contribution to the development of our journal by sending their manuscripts for publication and to the referees for their just and candid evaluations.