

Dear Readers,

We present the first issue of *Journal of Tourismology*. This international peer reviewed journal seeks to advance theory in tourism and its recognition as a scientific discipline. *Tourismology* will publish two issues per year; one in November and the other in May, English will be the main language, but original manuscripts in Turkish are also considered for publication. *Tourismology* adopts a double blind peer review policy. At least two referees are appointed to each paper that made it through the initial review of the editorial board members. *Tourismology* is an open access scholarly journal without any publication fees.

The journal targets tourism and travel related papers however inter and multi-disciplinary manuscripts are also welcome. The coverage of *Tourismology* includes but is not limited to, tourism theory, tourism development, sustainability of tourism, tourism marketing, tourist and traveler behavior, tourism industry, hospitality, gastronomy, transportation, attractions, tourism sociology, technology, tourism planning, leisure studies, organizational aspects and their various implications for tourism industry.

In this first issue, we have four manuscripts;

- I. de Esteban, J., Cetin, G. & Antonovica, A. (2015). Theory of knowledge of tourism: A sociological and epistemological reflection. *Journal of Tourismology*, 1(1), 2-15.
- II. Alrawadieh, Z., & Alrawadieh, Z. (2015). The study motivations and study preferences of students majoring in hospitality and tourism management-related programs: The case of students in Jordan. *Journal of Tourismology*, 1(1), 16-30.
- III. Ciftci, I., Kaya, F., & Akova, O. (2015). Travel motivations and satisfaction of excursionists: A case study of Haji Bektashi Veli Museum. *Journal of Tourismology*, 1(1), 31-41.
- IV. Dincer, F.I., & Cakmak, T.F. (2015). Seyyahlar şehri İstanbul ve tarihi devinim içerisinde bir kent görüntüsü. *Journal of Tourismology*, 1(1), 51-64.

Esteban et al. (2015) looked at the epistemological developments of tourism as a discipline, Alrawadieh and Alrawadieh (2015) analyzed motivations of hospitality students in Jordan, Ciftci et al. (2015) explored behaviors of day visitors by looking at Haji Bektashi Veli Museum, and finally Dincer and Cakmak (2015) looks at travel historic documents and İstanbul's representation in them.

We are proud and excited about this first issue of *Tourismology*. We appreciate the effort and time put on this by our editorial board, reviewers and the authors. We very much hope you would enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

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