



## From Editor

Dear Readers,

We would like to share our recent issue with you. The intense interest to our journal clearly indicates that 2017 will be another hectic year for us. Our Turkish – English bilingual journal that publishes full-text articles promises to continue its open-access policy to help our authors and readers to access the articles easily and free of charge.

The special issue focusing on “Applications of Technology Integration in Education” will soon be ready for publication. We would like to thank our editors and reviewers who support us despite their intensive academic work load. We believe it will be beneficial to have technology as the publication focus for the education world because technology has been a matter of discussion in recent years especially from the perspectives of its integration into education systems and its effectiveness.

We hope PISA 2015 results will be discussed extensively in terms of educational practices that will improve quality, especially for Turkey. We would like to underline that we will be delighted to publish articles that focus on the issue of quality improvement.

In this issue, you can access a comprehensive study of the cognitive and affective development of students in vocational education; analyses of reading attitudes of children developing differently; a study that addresses the standard development suggestions for teacher training institutions; a study examining the effectiveness of educational comic books on improving children's environmental awareness; a study conducted to develop an index for the internationalization of higher education, a recent research into how the modified system of starting the primary school affect readiness; and a study aiming to develop an inclusive education for visually handicapped children.

We would like to thank all contributors – our authors, reviewers and editors, and wish you a pleasant reading.

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