

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to welcome you to this inaugural issue of the Journal of Multidisciplinary Research in Sustainability. It has been a long journey since I first shared the idea of publishing an Open Access academic journal with the members of our editorial board. With their support, we have been able to publish the first issue of our journal, offering publishing opportunities to academics from developing countries.

We are proud to present our first issue on the theme of Ecological Planning. The issue is dedicated to Prof. Atabay, who has served the academic community in Turkey and abroad with dedication for the past 40 years.

This first issue has been led and prepared by Prof. Atabay's colleague Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ayşegül Özbakır. Our esteemed colleague Prof. Dr. Ruşen Keleş has contributed to the issue with a tribute to Prof. Atabay's work. Also in this first issue, Assoc. Prof. Özge Yalçın Ercoşkun presents an overview of sustainable development in the context of ecological urban planning.

I would like to thank our guest editor Dr. Özbakır for her efforts and look forward to collaborating with her in future issues. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to the reviewers who contributed to the development of this issue.

Our call for a second issue will be out soon. The next issue will explore sustainability issues in the wider economy.

*Zeynep Kaçmaz*

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