

Regular Editorial Board Meeting of Türk Arkeoloji ve Etnografya Dergisi

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Meeting Format: Online

The Regular Editorial Board Meeting of Türk Arkeoloji ve Etnografya Dergisi was held online on 10 August 2026.

During the meeting, the journal's current publication and indexing status, the evaluations communicated as part of the TR Dizin application process, and the measures to be taken in the forthcoming period to increase the journal's academic quality, international visibility, and number of high-quality submissions were discussed.

The following matters were evaluated, and it was decided that the relevant activities would be carried out:

1. TR Dizin Process

- The journal's TR Dizin application process and the reasons for rejection communicated following the application were shared with and discussed by the Editorial Board members.
- In response to the criticisms concerning the peer-review process, it was decided to prepare a **"Peer Reviewer Guidelines"** addressing reviewers' duties and responsibilities as well as the functioning of the evaluation process.
- The prepared guidelines have been added in both **Turkish and English** to the journal's website and to the journal information sections on DergiPark.

2. International Indexing Activities

- It was assessed that the fact that the journal is currently indexed in international academic databases such as **ERIH PLUS and EBSCO** demonstrates that the journal has a substantial technical and institutional infrastructure that provides a strong foundation for applications to international indexing services.
- It was decided that indexing activities should continue independently of the TR Dizin process in order to enhance the journal's international visibility and academic quality.
- In this context, it was decided to prioritize applications to **DOAJ and CEEOL**, followed, as the journal meets the relevant application requirements, by applications to international indexing services such as **ESCI, Scopus, Web of Science, and AHCI**.

3. Internationalization of the Editorial Board and Reviewer Pool

- In order to strengthen the journal's international profile, the possibility of recruiting **international Editorial Board members and reviewers** from universities and research institutions in different countries was considered.
- It was also considered necessary to expand the reviewer pool so that it represents a broader range of institutions, countries, and areas of expertise.

4. Increasing the Number of Articles Published in English

- It was decided to undertake efforts to increase the number of articles published in **English** in order to enhance the journal's international visibility and its reach among different academic communities.
- Accordingly, increasing calls for papers directed at international researchers and academics working at universities abroad was considered.

5. Strengthening Collaboration with Academic Communities

- It was decided to hold meetings with universities and relevant academic communities in order to establish stronger communication and collaboration with scholars working in the journal's subject areas.
- In order to encourage academics to submit high-quality studies to the journal, the feasibility of establishing protocols or similar forms of cooperation with relevant academic communities, as in the example of **Höyük**, was considered.

6. Strengthening the Field of Ethnography

- In order to ensure stronger representation of ethnography, which is included in the journal's title and publication policy, it was decided to increase the number and thematic diversity of articles in this field.
- It was also decided to encourage academics and researchers working in the field of ethnography to contribute to the journal.

7. Strengthening Article Quality and the Journal's Academic Legacy

- It was assessed that, in terms of the journal's academic identity, priority should be given to selecting original and high-quality scholarly studies that demonstrate a strong command of the literature on Turkish archaeology and ethnography.
- Taking into consideration the journal's previous issues and accumulated body of publications, it was decided to encourage high-quality studies that will strengthen the journal's academic legacy and ensure its continuity.

8. Measures to Encourage Article Submissions

- In order to increase academic interest in the journal and the number of high-quality submissions, the possibility of providing payments to article authors or establishing incentive mechanisms will be investigated within the framework of applicable legislation and relevant regulations.
- A model similar to the article award implemented by **Ankara Araştırmaları Dergisi** will be considered, and possibilities for awarding an annual prize to a high-quality article published in the journal will be explored.
- Existing legislation and practices concerning the allocation of financial allowances to Editorial Board members in support of their work related to the journal's activities will be examined.

9. General Assessment

The Editorial Board agreed that the current situation arising from the TR Dizin process should not be regarded as a factor limiting the journal's academic and institutional development; rather, it should be considered an opportunity to further advance the journal's national and international academic publishing standards.

Accordingly, it was decided to continue efforts decisively with the aim of increasing the number of high-quality publications, strengthening the journal's internationalization, enhancing its academic and institutional diversity, increasing publications in the field of ethnography, and ensuring greater visibility in international indexing services.