

## Meeting reports

### Third international symposium of scientific journals: “How to become successful authors & editors of scientific journals”

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The symposium was organised with the participation of (EASE) to increase the publishing quality of academic journals, and was held over two days at the Balkan Congress Center in Edirne: the first day with topics for the authors and the second day with topics for the



editors. The opening speeches of President Rector of Trakya University, Professor Erhan Tabakoglu, and the president of the symposium (also a Council Member of EASE) Professor Cem Uzun stated the important role of universities in academic publishing and scientific journal editorship along with the lack of education on these subjects. They introduced the teachers and speakers of the symposium: President of EASE, Pippa Smart, and Past President, Professor Ana Marušić. Professor Uzun completed his speech with “Our motto is “learn, experience and share” and this stands in the center of our studies. We are trying to contribute by sharing our experiences in the field of publishing with other journals, authors and editors”.

In the sessions followed by the opening speeches, Pippa Smart and Professor Marušić spoke on many important subjects. Topics included; editors and assistants of scientific journals, ways to increase journal quality, international publishing standards and journal structuring, good reporting rules, publication ethics, how to become included in high impact value owned indexes, how to get published in journals which have high impact value, the top 10 reasons for rejection or acceptance, communication with editors and reviewers, English language problems and how to deal with them, preventing unwanted ethical problems for new authors that use English as second language, important keys for scientific publishing and successful journal editorship, and the contribution of small scientific journals to society. At the end of the presentations, two panel discussion moderated by

Professor Uzun were held entitled “Plagiarism and Authorship” and “Meeting with Experts and Journal Evaluation”.

A total of 222 registered participants came from Turkey, Ukraine, Macedonia, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria. In addition, the symposium

was broadcast live and reached 8000 people. In one day, 1575 people watched the live broadcast on the Facebook webpage. All presentations, plus the video recordings are available on <https://journals-symposium2018.trakya.edu.tr>, for use by all scientific journal editors, reviewers and authors. At the end of the second day, Professor Tabakoglu gave prizes and certificates of appreciation to the participants of the symposium, and expressed his thanks to Pippa Smart, Professor Marušić, and Professor Uzun for their significant presentations and contribution to the symposium. He said in his closing speech: ‘I again congratulate my dear colleague Vice Rector Professor Cem Uzun for this prestigious and important symposium and humbly thank Pippa Smart and Professor Ana Marušić for their honoring presence and valuable contributions.’

The symposium ended after a social, historical and cultural city tour including visits to Selimiye Mosque, Hunkar Circle (Mahfil), Old Library, Arasta Grand Bazaar, and 2nd Bayezid Health Museum Complex. A short concert was performed by tutors and students from the university in the museum.

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