

EDITORIAL YAZI KURULU'NDAN

By the year 2000 we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the METU JFA. Apart from a full account of our previous publications, we intend to look ahead and achieve a number of objectives. By then, we hope to develop affiliations with publishers abroad and have a number of correspondents in universities and major urban centers in the world, east and west.

We expect to establish relations with more of our advisors abroad and obtain their suggestions. We aspire to be reviewed by a greater number of respectable institutions. METU JFA is currently reviewed by the Avery Index, Architectural Periodicals Index as presently included in the Architectural Publications Index of RIBA, Architectural Periodicals Supp. Columbia University, Design and Applied Arts Index, Sociological Abstracts published by the Cambridge Scientific Abstract, Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA), and is listed by the UIA. JFA is also under consideration at the moment for its inclusion in the Social Sciences Index, Humanities Index, and Art Index, all of which are processed by the H. W. Wilson Company.

A questionnaire we responded recently, surveying the journals published in Turkey, allowed us to review and contemplate about our performance. Paying little consideration to exaggerated indicators of achievement in a world of ratings, we published 26 articles in the past 5 issues. Only three had multiple authors. Out of 30 authors, 27 had academic status, 10 were members of the METU Faculty of Architecture, another 10 of foreign nationalities, and 12 residents abroad. One third of submissions to the Journal seem to have ended up in refusal.

In this issue again, we have a mix of authors, and a spectrum of approaches extending from scientific to artistic, empirical to interpretative, theoretical to applied. It is gratifying to have greater number of articles in English, even though some of these are concerned with local issues. Erkilic and Barlas both have historical accounts, Keskinok presents a philosophical discourse, Başkaya submits the results of a survey, Erzen provides a personal aesthetic interpretation to a currently popular subject. Leitmann has conveyed a systematic method of evaluation in environmental policy and implementation. We cherish all of their valuable contributions.

MFD 2000 yılında çeyrek asrı geride bırakırken, kendini daha ileri konumlara götüreceği hazırlıklar içindedir. MFD'ni bugün taramakta olan saygın kuruluşların sayısını artırmak, uluslararası danışma kurumumuzu genişletmek ve yurtdışı basımevleri ile ilişkiler geliştirmek önde gelen hedeflerimizdir.

Bir süre önce yanıtlamış olduğumuz bir anket, yaptıklarımızı topluca gözden geçirip değerlendirmemizi sağladı. Son beş sayıda 30 yazara ait 26 makale yayınlanmış. Yazıların yalnız üçü, birden fazla yazar tarafından birlikte kaleme alınmış. Otuz yazarın 10'u Fakültemiz elemanı, 27'si akademisyen, 10'u yabancı uyruklu, 12'si yurt dışında yerleşik. Gönderilen yazıların üçte biri red edilmiş.

Yazarlar, konular ve yaklaşımlar açısından, bu sayıdaki katkılar da değerli bir karma oluşturdu.