
EDITORIAL NOTE

Institute for Armenian Research, publisher of the bilingual quarterly *Ermeni Arařtırmaları/Armenian Studies*, considering that nearly half of the last issues of the journal is formed by articles in English, decided to publish a separate journal in English naming it **Review of Armenian Studies**.

Review of Armenian Studies which intends to reach not only Turkish readers and provide them with scholarly views on Armenian matters, will not be merely a translated version of the Turkish *Ermeni Arařtırmaları* although some articles will be published in both journals.

The first article of this first issue is the Editor's **Facts and Comments** which summarizes and comments the main events of the last three months concerning Armenia, the Armenian question and Armenians emphasizing the Turkish-Armenian relations.

Prof. Dr. Justin McCarthy in his article "**The First Shot**" proves that the Turks did not start the long conflict with the Armenians but it was Armenians who in 1796, 1828, 1878, 1890 s, 1909, 1915 and 1919 (dates that are crucial in this conflict) allied themselves with the enemy or rebelled or attacked Turks.

Prof. Dr. Seçil Karal-Akgün, in "**Some Abstracts From the Mormon Missionaries About the Turks and Armenians**" explains not well-known activities of the Mormon missionaries in the Ottoman Empire. It is interesting that they did not share the anti-Turk assertions of the Protestant missionaries.

Prof. Dr. Nedret Kuran-Burçođlu's "**The Implied Message of Ararat and its Intended Audience**" analyses the image creating, stereotyping and image propagating methods and mechanisms of this movie.

In the article "**On the Assassination of Van Mayor Kapamajian by the Tashnak Committee**" Dr. Hasan Oktay reveals that Ottomans appointed also Armenian mayors. In case of Kapamajian, who gained the esteem of both Muslims and

Armenians in Van, Tashnaks did not hesitate to murder him because he did not serve their interests.

Assis.Prof. Dr. Kamer Kasım's article entitled "**Armenian Foreign Policy: Basic Parameters of the Ter Petrosian and Kocharian Era**" analyses different approaches of the two Armenian presidents mainly to the Karabakh issue and relations with Turkey.

We are publishing in this issue two **interviews** of the Institute for Armenian Research members which appeared earlier in the Turkish press. The first one is with the Director of the Institute and concerns main Armenian issues. The second one is with Assist. Prof. Dr. Sedat Laçiner and Şenol Kantarcı, authors of the book entitled "Ararat: Armenian Artistic Propaganda".

Witnessing the ever growing interest in Turkey for Armenian studies three important scientific meetings took place in March, April and May of this year. These are **The 81. Anniversary of Talat Pasha's Assassination: A Look on International Terrorism in İstanbul, Turkish Congress on Armenian Studies** in Ankara and **International Symposium of Armenian Problem in Turkey** in Manisa. In the section "**Conferences**" concise information is given on these meetings.

This issue of the journal contains also **book reviews**, information about **recent books**, the texts of some **documents** concerning recent events and an **index** of the first four issues of the bilingual *Ermeni Araştırmaları/ Armenian Studies*.

With best wishes

The Editor