**Network of teacher-researchers in Turkey**

The promotion of teacher-research in is an emerging area in teacher education in Turkey. Though some projects have been carried out at different times and places, they have been short-lived and not continuous. One of them was an Action Research project at Başkent University, Ankara led by Meral Güçeri and Beril Ayman Yücel, (1999). There seems to have been no other similar, written-up project until 2010-11, when Kenan Dikilitaş from Gediz University led a series of teacher research projects with instructors at his institution. Four books of teacher-research reports have been published so far out of this project. Since the inception of this project at Gediz University, the idea of teacher research for professional development has been growing in a way to inspire other institutions in Turkey. Kenan has been giving support to small-scale projects in other institutions such as Yaşar University, İzmir, and has collaborated with Wayne Trotman, who conducted a similar project with the instructors at English preparatory programmes in universities.

**Growth of National Publicity**

Collaboration with other localuniversities has led to the beginnings of a wider teacher development through teacher-research community. The second year of the project coincided with the formation of a nationwide teacher training group **(T-PLUS)** in which Kenan became a committee member. He found several opportunities to share his experiences of facilitating and supporting teacher research at twice-yearly meetings held in different cities. During these meetings he came into contact with many trainers in charge of professional development units. These exchanges of ideas and experiences led to further developmental collaboration, which may have inspired others to conduct similar projects in their own contexts.

**Growth of International Publicity**

The original project at Gediz University has been supported mainly by Richard Smith, IATEFL ReSIG coordinator since 2012, via face-to-face meetings with the teacher-researchers and mentoring Kenan Dikilitaş. He has been the key person who has helped this project achieve national and international publicity. Richard Smith was also a plenary speaker for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 conferences. Another person who has been supporting the development of teacher-research in Turkey is Simon Borg, who delivered one-to-one sessions with the instructors and attended the 2013 conference as a plenary speaker. Anne Burns and Dick Allwright have also been providing support for this developing approach to professional development in Turkey since they attended the 2014 conference as plenary speakers. The contact and collaboration with Richard Smith and in turn with IATEFL ReSIG has made the project gain an international perspective.