

# Preface

*Mediterranean Soil Ecosystems* (MSE) is a peer-reviewed series of formal scientific publications of the *Soil Science Society of Turkey* (SSST). The SSST was established in 1964 and promotes research into soil science and related disciplines, as well as developing a consensus for soil protection and use to sensitize governments and the coming generations in Turkey.

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