

EDITORIAL

First and foremost, on behalf of the whole AHTR editorial team, I would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to all authors and reviewers who contributed to the Volume VII of the Advances in Hospitality and Tourism Research (AHTR) Journal for 2019. This issue is dedicated to the growing field of the interaction of gastronomy and tourism. Gastronomy is increasingly attracting scholars' attention and has become one of the latest academic fields which explores the knowledge and understanding of human nutrition. Gastronomy includes discovering, experiencing, researching, understanding and writing of food production and consumption. It is predicted that multidisciplinary studies will help to understand the phenomenon of gastronomy. To understand the gastronomic experience of tourists, it is useful to take advantage of the interaction of many basic disciplines such as geography, anthropology, psychology, sociology, and economics. In this context, AHTR has intended to provide an academic platform for discussions on the latest developments and issues on explaining how gastronomy and tourism are interdependent and interactive. 33 manuscripts have been submitted on the topic of "gastronomy and tourism" and five of them have been accepted for publication in this issue. The issue includes significant papers exploring interesting cases from distinct destinations. These papers address the important topics of the gastronomy and tourism fields which are gastronomic identity, food tourism policy, enogastronomy, the role of local food in explaining destination loyalty of tourists, and creating sense of place in restaurant settings.

Once again we would like to thank firstly guest-editor Professor Dr. Bahattin Özdemir and all the contributors for their support to the journal. We wish you to enjoy reading the seventh volume of AHTR.

Yours sincerely,

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