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Dear Members:

Today is the eighth anniversary of Crimea-L. Many of you have been with Crimea-L since its founding on 24 November 1998, and together with all those who joined us later we form a "family." Currently, there are 990 names on the membership roster, all sharing a common interest: Crimea and Crimean Tatars. To date, Crimea-L distributed 5,079 messages. Any communications list like Crimea-L owes its success to the willingness and efforts of its members to share their knowledge, experience and observations with each other. We are grateful that we have been able to stay together for eight years and give thanks to all those who have contributed.

>From 1998 to 2003, the languages of Crimea-L were Turkish, Crimean Tatar and English. As the membership grew, Crimea-L became predominantly a group of Turkish and Crimean Tatar speaking individuals. On 24 November 2003, KIRIM Haber was created for Turkish and Crimean Tatar speakers and Crimea-L continued as a distribution list in English only. At that time, we thought that the Crimea-L membership would decrease considerably, but to our surprise our Turkish speaking members stayed with us.

Today is also the anniversary of KIRIM Haber (groups.yahoo.com/group/kirim), which is managed by Ozgur Karahan in Istanbul. We wish our sister list KIRIM Haber a happy **third anniversary**, and hope that it will continue to remain as the best source of online information on Crimean Tatars and Crimean Tatar diaspora. It has served its membership very well. Currently, KIRIM Haber has 753 members and distributed 3,273 messages to date. You can see that this is a very active group, with members mostly in Crimea, Romania, Germany and of course Turkey.

As we begin our **eighth year**, we invite you to assume a more active role in maintaining Crimea-L as a useful tool of communication. We look forward to receiving your news, questions and comments. (Please remember that Crimea-L distributes only messages in English.)

Best wishes to All!

Inci Bowman