

Annual report on *Folia Linguistica*
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I. New submissions

Table 1. New submissions (articles) received over the last four years (September 2005 – August 2009)

	TOTAL
15 September 2005 – 15 August 2006	26
16 August 2006 – 24 August 2007	34
25 August 2007 – 31 August 2008	35
1 September 2008 – 1 September 2009 (In addition to articles, a number of reviews have been accepted or are in preparation. A proposal for a special issue of <i>FoL</i> has also been received during the current year 2009.)	33

Table 2. Status of submissions (articles) received between 1 September 2008 – 1 September 2009

Withdrawn or transferred to <i>FoLH</i>	Rejected after reviewing	Under revision by author	Under review	Accepted	TOTAL
2	17	3	2	9	33

Comments:

The number of new submissions per year seems to have stabilized. If it increases slightly, or even if it stays at present levels, prospects are good, as *FoL* only publishes ca. 450/500 pages per volume (= 10/14 articles, plus some four to six book reviews).

FoL 43.1 (2009) came out in March, with 267 pp. The Autumn issue (*FoL* 43.2) will be out in two or three weeks; it carries six articles, several book reviews, and miscellaneous material.

Table 3. Submitted papers by area of specialization: 1 September 2008 – 1 September 2009 (some of the papers could have been classified in more than one area).

Syntax	8
Language typology	5
Phonology	1
Morphology	3
Morphophonology	1
Sociolinguistics	4
Discourse analysis / pragmatics	5
Lexis and semantics	4
Other	2
Total	33

II. *FoL*: imminent changes in production

FoL is typeset and printed at Santiago de Compostela. During the past four years we have also taken care of the **copy editing** (which involves, inter alia, checking cross-references; ensuring consistency in spelling, hyphenation, numerals, and capitalization; checking for proper sequencing in alphabetical lists and other displayed material; improving grammar, style and readability; suggesting—and often implementing—additions and deletions, etc.).

Copy editing is time consuming, and the Societas has long been aware of the need to provide its editors with support for copy editing on a permanent basis. Fortunately, the Secretary/Treasurer has found someone who appears to have the necessary qualifications for the task. As a result, from Vol. 44 (2010) both the typesetting and the copy editing will be outsourced.

III. *FoL* online

Mouton de Gruyter has now digitised all the volumes of *FoL* from Vol. 1 (1967), and made them available through Mouton Journals Online (<http://www.reference-global.com/loi/flin>) as high-resolution, searchable PDFs, with links to citations and all sorts of other relevant information. We are grateful to our publisher for the great effort involved here.

FoL's publication online is also of considerable importance in so far as **timeliness of publication online** is a prerequisite for a journal's inclusion in indexes such as ERIH or the JCR (see below).

IV. *FoL*'s academic standing

To a large extent, the academic standing of a journal is measured on the basis of its ranking on two reference indexes: the European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH), prepared by the European Science Foundation, and ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR), prepared by Thomson-Reuters.

a. *FoL* and ERIH

A year ago, I reported on *FoL*'s classification in the European Reference Index for the Humanities. The ERIH linguistics list contains a total of **586 refereed linguistics journals** published all over the world. They are assigned to categories A (106 journals = 18%), B (213 journals = 36%), and C (267 journals = 46%). *FoL*'s current ranking is B.

The linguistics list will be updated not at the end of 2008 (as had been announced by the European Science Foundation), but rather at the end of the current year (2009). I have asked for a change in the category of the journal (from B to A), which is, I think, fully justified.

b. *FoL* and ISI Journal Citation Reports

The JCR is arguably the best known, as also the most influential, of all reference indexes for academic journals. A new 'edition' of the JCR is prepared every year by Thomson-Reuters on the basis of the items published by a journal during the two previous years ('item' stands for both regular articles and review articles).

The number of citations received by the different items published by a journal during the two years under consideration allows Thomson-Reuters to calculate the **impact factor** of the journal in question, and thus to measure its (assumed) importance or leadership in the field.

In the most recent listing issued by Thomson-Reuters (the 2008 edition of the JCR, based on data from the years 2006 and 2007), the list for linguistics includes a total of **68 journals**,

among them *Folia Linguistica*; Table 4 presents some of the journals included in the list, with their respective rankings.

Since the list for the category Linguistics is indeed very short, and since *FoL* did not appear in previous editions of the JCR and hence lacked an impact factor, its inclusion in the 2008 edition is good news. However, having an impact factor is in itself not enough; the **quartile** in which a journal is positioned is also crucial. *FoL* is currently at the top of quartile 4. In other words, for the immediate future our journal has **two goals**: a) to stay within the JCR; b) to move up in the rankings.

Table 4. 2008 JCR impact factor: Linguistics journals (total journals in category: 68)

Ranking in category	Journal title and publisher	Impact factor	5-year impact factor	Quartile in category
1	<i>Journal of Memory and Language</i> (Elsevier)	3.271	4.222	Q1
4	<i>Language</i> (LSA)	2.550	2.646	Q1
10	<i>Cognitive Linguistics</i> (de Gruyter)	1.750	1.800	Q1
23	<i>Linguistic Inquiry</i> (MIT Press)	1.154	2.000	Q2
30	<i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> (Elsevier)	0.800	1.007	Q2
40	<i>Journal of Linguistics</i> (CUP)	0.647	0.704	Q3
47	<i>Lingua</i> (Elsevier)	0.532	0.623	Q3
49	<i>Linguistics</i> (de Gruyter)	0.476	0.750	Q3
50	<i>Canadian Modern Language Review</i> (Univ. of Toronto Press)	0.449	0.529	Q3
51	<i>Language Sciences</i> (Elsevier)	0.413	0.385	Q4
52	<i>Folia Linguistica</i> (de Gruyter)	0.391	0.308	Q4
54	<i>Language and Speech</i> (Sage)	0.368	1.153	Q4
63	<i>International Journal of Lexicography</i> (OUP)	0.091	0.321	Q4

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VI. Closing remarks

- a. *FoL* is a journal we can all be very proud of, therefore
- b. I expect your submissions, so that
- c. we can move onward.
- d. Thanks for your attention!