

Folia Linguistica Historica

Editor's Report, 2009

1. Volume 30, 2009, is now in production and can be expected to appear by 1 December
2. We have, thus, published five volumes in the four years since I took over as editor in 2005, which means that our publication schedule has fully caught up.
3. The statistics for Volume 30 are as follows
 - 4 papers in production + 2 others (final revisions)
 - 1 Note
 - 4 reviews
 - Estimated pages: about 225

4. Submissions, acceptances, rejections of papers

11 Submissions

8 Acceptances, all with revisions (2 of them with several R&Rs)

2 Rejections (one after three referees' reports)

1 Pending

+ 1 New Submission (to be reviewed)

5. Production

As the result of our Secretary-Treasurer Dik Bakker's efforts, we now have an excellent production arrangement with Dr. Peter Kahrel, Lancaster (UK), whose advanced degree is in Linguistics. This has greatly improved the production process, as well as saved the Societas some sorely needed money.

6. Editorial Board, Referees

The following members deserve our gratitude for having served as members of the Editorial Board:

Anders Ahlqvist
Henning Andersen
Brigitte Bauer
Wolfgang Ulrich Dressler
Teresa Fanego
Jacek Fisiak
John Charles Smith

Of these, John Charles Smith as Squib Editor, and Brigitte Bauer as Review Editor deserve special recognition.

In addition I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have reviewed submitted articles during my time as Editor:

Artemis Alexiadou, Henning Anderson, Karlos Arregi, Moshe Bar-Asher, Georg Bossong, Miriam Butt, Fran Colman, Garry W. Davis, Wolfgang Dressler, Joe Eska , Zsuzsanna Fagyal, Jacek Fisiak, Benjamin W. Fortson IV, Martin Hilpert, Dave Holsinger, Jose Hualde, Brian Joseph, John Joseph, Doug Kibbee, Willem Koopman, Bhadriraju Krishnamurti , Anthony (Tony) Kroch, Randy LaPolla, Roderick McConchie, Yves-Charles Morin, Manuel Perez-Saldanya , Lisa Pierce, Susan Pintzuk , Sharon Rose, Joseph Salmons, John Charles Smith, Graham Thurgood, Elizabeth Traugott , Peter Trudgill , Linda Waugh, Ilse Wischer, Michael Witzel

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Pierce for the invaluable work that she has done since Summer 2006 as my Editorial Assistant. Without her work, my job would have been impossible to perform.

7. Problems, Questions, News — Or “Money, Money, Money”

- a. In 2005/2006, the previous Assistant to the Editor, Dr. Agnieszka Kielkiewicz-Janowiak, graciously agreed to continue with her support.
- b. After that, I was able to secure a three-year arrangement with my institution, the University of Illinois (UIUC), for a 25% assistantship, supplemented by a summer 2006 appointment from my own research account. Lisa Pierce, a Ph.D. candidate in Linguistics, very efficiently served as Editorial Assistant for this period.
- c. The arrangement with the University of Illinois has now come to an end, and given the financial crisis, cannot be renewed.
- d. Extensive discussion in the Executive Committee of the Societas has not led to a solution that would provide funding for the same kind of arrangement at UIUC. (UIUC structure of assistantship appointments, governed to some extent by agreements between UIUC and the graduate assistant’s union, makes such funding prohibitively expensive for the Societas.)

- e. The President of the Societas, Professor Pier Marco Bertinetto, with input from the Executive Committee and the Editorial Board of *Folia Linguistica Historica*, has begun a search for a possible candidate to take over the position as Editor. I have agreed to help in the transition.
- f. The issue of funding for editorial support is something that I have been raising since my first report of 2006. Unfortunately, it has not been resolved as yet, mainly because of the Societas's financial limitations.

- g. The issue, however, is something that needs to be addressed soon, not only for *Folia Linguistica Historica*, but also for *Folia Linguistica*, for the trend at most universities is to reduce or even eliminate support for editorial assistance.

8. Another issue that needs to be addressed by the Societas is the web publicity for our two journals.
 - a. Up to this point we have relied on Teresa Fanego and (Mouton) de Gruyter to provide this information (I have not had access to facilities to establish a separate web site for *FoLH*).
 - b. Teresa Fanego's web site has naturally been focused on *FoL*
 - c. The web information at de Gruyter has improved recently, by including the style sheet information for our journals under "Instructions to Authors". But confusingly, on the same site it also includes the general de Gruyter journal style sheet, under the link "Style Sheet", and that information does not conform to the style sheet that Teresa Fanego and I developed for our journals. See the image below.

- d. In addition, the de Gruyter website erroneously continues the old description of *Folia Linguistica Historica* as a “Supplement” to *Folia Linguistica*. The (unintended) consequence of this is that —
 - i. *Folia Linguistica Historica* does not acquire the same degree of “presence” on the web as *Folia Linguistica*
 - ii. Information on current issues (or back issues) of *Folia Linguistica Historica* is difficult to get.
 - iii. This holds true, too, for such information as the address of the Review Editor, to whom publications-for-review should be sent.
 - iv. As a consequence, there have been several complaints by authors and others that they were unable to get reliable information on *FoLH*

e. Recommendation:

Information for both journals should be made directly, and transparently, available — and maintained, on the web site of the Societas. (This is the place where members of the Societas can legitimately expect to find this information. Moreover, it is expecting too much to rely on the editors or de Gruyter to mount that information on the web and to keep updating it in a timely fashion.)

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Aims & Scope



Folia Linguistica and its supplement *Folia Linguistica Historica* are the peer-reviewed journals of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE). Each volume consists of two issues of *Folia Linguistica* plus one issue of *Folia Linguistica Historica*.

Folia Linguistica covers all non-historical areas in the traditional disciplines of general linguistics (phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics), and also sociological, discursal, computational and psychological aspects of language and linguistic theory. Other areas of central concern are grammaticalization and language typology. *Folia Linguistica Historica* is exclusively devoted to diachronic linguistics (including both historical and comparative linguistics), and to the history of linguistics.

The journal consists of scientific articles presenting results of original research, review articles, overviews of research in specific areas, book reviews, and a miscellanea section carrying reports and discussion notes. In addition, proposals from prospective guest editors for occasional

9. One final, additional issue: Copies of reviews

At this point, I don't believe we have a mechanism by which copies of book reviews are sent to the respective publishers. To ensure that publishers will continue sending books for review, we need to find a way for this to happen. Is this something that can be done through the Societas? Is it something that should be done through Mouton de Gruyter? (Note that MdG distributes our journals, but is not the publisher.) Or is it something that should fall on the shoulders of the editors?