

Poslovilna beseda

Podpisana se z izidom te številke po poldrugem desetletju poslavlja od uredniškovanja zbornika *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies*. Odločitev za ta korak je dozorela predvsem iz treh razlogov: (1) zbornik se je v času svojega doslejšnjega izhajanja profiliral po najinih pričakovanjih in si uspel pridobiti primerno mesto v družbi primerljivih periodičnih publikacij, (2) oba sourednika sva vedno bolj obremenjena z drugimi, večinoma suhoparnejšimi obveznostmi, zaradi katerih premoreva vedno manj časa in moči za uredniško dejavnost, ki jo že od začetka pojmujeva kot obstransko, (3) napočil je trenutek, da krmilo tega podjetja prevzame mlajša generacija, saj je to edini porok, da bo zbornik tudi v prihodnje vzdržal vse izzive prihajajočih časov. Slovenski urednik zbornika *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies* bo odslej Kozma Ahačič z Inštituta za slovenski jezik Frana Ramovša ZRC SAZU, ameriški pa Grant H. Lundberg z univerze Brigham Young v Provu, Utah. Novih urednikov strokovni javnosti ni potrebno posebej predstavljati, saj sta se s svojimi deli dovolj zgovorno predstavila že sama. Prepričana sva, da bosta zbornik vodila po njenih najboljših močeh in v interesu stroke, zato jima uredniški mesti zaupava brez dodatnih priporočil in brez nepotrebnih pokroviteljskih napotkov.

Zamisel o zborniku *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies* sega v zgodnja devetdeseta leta prejšnjega stoletja, v čas tik po socialnih in političnih spremembah v Evropi, ki predstavljajo mejnik v stoletja potekajočem razvoju globalizacije, ki je časovno sovpadel z vrtoglavi pospeškom razvoja tehnologije sporazumevanja. V svojemu doslej kratkem življenju je zbornik *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies* v kar največji meri izkoristil pridobitve sodobne tehnologije, saj je od klasične izdaje na papirju prešel na digitalni prosti dostop, ki zdaj ponuja neomejen vpogled v vsebi-

Our Farewell

After a decade and a half we are stepping down as editors of *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies*. Our decision came about for three reasons: (1) the journal has gained a reputation that meets the expectations we set out for it from its founding and it now occupies an appropriate niche among journals of its kind; (2) both of us are increasingly responsible for other, largely prosaic obligations, which allow us less time and energy for editorial work, which we had, in any event, taken on merely as a sideline; (3) the time is ripe to pass the helm to a younger generation, as this is the only way to ensure that the periodical will meet the challenges of rapidly changing times. The Slovenian editor will be Kozma Ahačič of the Fran Ramovš Institute of the Slovene Language, ZRC SAZU and the American editor Grant H. Lundberg of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. The new editors need no introduction, as their work in the field speaks well enough for their qualifications. We are confident that our younger colleagues will lead the journal with their best efforts for the benefit of the field, so we entrust our editorial positions to them without superfluous suggestions or paternalistic advice.

The idea for the creation of *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies* arose shortly after the socio-political shifts in Europe in the early 1990s, which marked a milestone in the centuries-long process of globalization, a milestone reached in concert with accelerated advances in communication technology. In its short life *Slovenski jezik / Slovene Linguistic Studies* has benefited from advances in technology, having begun with traditional paper dissemination and now embracing digital open access for unhindered worldwide scholarly communication. Though we have expressed our concerns about the increasing trend of using English as the exclusive means of scholarly communication

no vseh že objavljenih števil. Čeprav sva večkrat izrazila zaskrbljenost nad vse večjo uporabo angleščine kot jezika znanstvenega sporazumevanja tudi v slovenistiki, sva hkrati vesela dejstva, da elektronsko izdajo zbornika prebirajo in uporabljajo raziskovalci od Albanije do Zaira – statistiko uporabnikov omogoča digitalni repozitorij –, ki v naših prispevkih objavljena spoznanja uporabljajo pri raziskovanju najrazličnejših jezikov, med katerimi si tudi slovenščina zasluži ustrezno pozornost. Upoštevanje slovenističnih spoznanj na svetovni ravni je potrdilo najino začetno prepričanje, da zanimanje za ustroj in zgodovino slovenskega jezika daleč presega število njenih govorcev.

Preden se posloviva od sourednikovanja zdaj že najstniškega, torej godnega zbornika, bi se rada še enkrat zahvalila vsem, ki so kakor koli prispevali k njegovi rasti in njegovemu uspehu, najprej in predvsem avtorjem, ki so nama zaupali svoja dela, nato neimenovanim recenzentom, ki so vsak prispevek presodili s kritičnim umom in le redko katerega dopustili objaviti v nespremenjeni obliki. Zahvale gredo tudi članom uredniškega odbora, ki so prispevali mnoge tvorne pripombe s svojih ožjih delovnih področij, in članom sveta zbornika za koristne nasvete pri kočljivih odločitvah. Zahvaljujeva se tudi soizdajateljema, Inštitutu za slovenski jezik Frana Ramovša ZRC SAZU in Centru za humanistiko družine Hall Unverze v Kansasu, ki sta gmotno omogočala izide posameznih števil, Pam LeRow za postavitev in prelom izdaj po letu 2003, Simonu Atelšku za pomoč pri vnosu korektur in ne nazadnje Knjižnicam Univerze v Kansasu za prosto dostopno mesto na njenem digitalnem repozitoriju, ki je bistveno razširilo krog bralcev ne le v slovenistinem, ampak tudi v svetovnem jezikoslovnem svetu.

about our object of study, we are gratified that readers from Albania to Zaire—to judge by the usage statistics in our digital edition—have downloaded our articles, read them, and put them to use advancing knowledge of the vast variety of human language, of which Slovene deserves its share of consideration. From the outset we have had the conviction that interest in the structure and history of the Slovene language should be far greater than the number of its native speakers and our experience has vindicated our conviction.

Before we take our leave of the editorial duties of our still youthful periodical, we would like to thank all of those who have contributed to its growth and success, first and foremost the authors who entrusted their work to us, as well as anonymous reviewers, who lent us their critical expertise so that rarely did an article appear without revision. Thanks go also to the members of the Editorial Board, who contributed numerous productive suggestions from the viewpoint of their areas of specialization, and to the members of the Advisory Board, whose advice helped us with difficult decisions. We thank our co-publishers, the Fran Ramovš Institute of the Slovene Language, ZRC SAZU and the Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas for the financial and institutional backing of our publication; Pam LeRow, who expertly typeset all of the issues after 2003; as well as Simon Atelšek for his assistance with the entry of final proof corrections. Last but not least we thank the Libraries of the University of Kansas, which provide the digital repository for the open-access edition of the journal, which has helped us reach not only maximal readership among specialists in Slovene, but linguists throughout the world.

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