

## From the Editor

This issue comes so quickly on the heels of 19.1 that there is virtually nothing newsworthy to report. In fact, the *Journal's* most significant accomplishment in the past two months is succeeding in publishing both 2011 numbers in time for the annual SLS meeting, which this year takes place 1–3 September 2011 at the Université de Provence in Aix-en-Provence. Next year's meeting is already determined and a call appears at the back of this issue. SLS 2012 will be at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, 25–27 August. Invited speakers are Brian Joseph, Catherine Rudin, and Alan Timberlake.

The present issue offers a typical assortment of material. Sadly, once again we report on the passing of a young and highly productive linguist, Maria Babyonyshev. Reading this In Memoriam piece, I was struck by the range and depth of her contributions to the study of Russian syntax. The three articles printed in these pages offer new insights into thorny problems, and the two reviews examine important recent books in the field. Keith Langston's review of Snježana Kordić's controversial book *Jezik i nacionalizam* is particularly noteworthy, both because of the difficulty of offering a fair review of a book that takes a hardnosed stand on such a contentious and subjective issue as whether Croatian and Serbian should be called distinct languages and because in *JSL* 18.2 we published a paper by John Bailyn which reported his research demonstrating how similar Serbian and Croatian really are.

In my column in the last issue I catalogued a retinue of changes in *JSL* staffing and a number of on-going SLS issues. Since these are just as fresh now as they were then, I do not repeat them here.

*Steven Franks*  
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~ FASL 21 ~  
**Formal Approaches to Slavic Linguistics**

The Third Indiana Meeting  
May 11–13, 2012

**Invited Speakers:**

Željko Bošković, *University of Connecticut*  
Damir Ćavar, *Eastern Michigan University*  
Tania Ionin, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*

FASL 21 will be preceded by a  
SPECIAL SESSION

on

*Slavic Computational Linguistics:  
Computational Approaches to Slavic Languages*

May 10–11, 2012

**Call for Papers**

Abstracts are invited for 30-minute presentations (plus 10 minutes discussion) on any topic dealing with formal aspects of Slavic syntax, semantics, morphology, phonology, phonetics, including language acquisition, psycholinguistics, and computational linguistics. Computational talks will be organized into the special session.

Abstracts are limited to **TWO PAGES** and should be **ANONYMOUS**. Abstract submissions should be made via the EasyChair Conference System. Specific instructions will be made available on the conference website: <http://www.indiana.edu/~iuslavic/fasl21.html>.

Abstracts must be received by **1 FEBRUARY 2012**. We hope to make a program available by **15 MARCH 2012**.

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