

From the Editor

The current issue of *JSL* offers our usual representative spread of languages and topics, with papers on Croatian collective numerals, Polish gender classes, Bulgarian motion verbs, and a humorous foray into Polish-English bilingualism. What is perhaps unusual is the lack of papers about the Slavist's traditional mainstay, Russian. Also somewhat unusual is the largely descriptive nature of these papers and their primary focus on matters of language use. Whether this represents trends in the field or accidents of publishing I cannot say, but I do know that each article in these pages makes a valuable contribution to our understanding of how Slavic languages work. This issue also includes three book reviews—again of very different kinds of books. Finally, we have provided at the end what we hope will be a useful resource: a newly compiled set of guidelines for authors. An updated version of these, first printed in *JSL* 2(2), has never been made available. Not only have the logistics of publishing changed much since 1994, but so has our appreciation of how submissions should best be formatted to streamline the review and production process.

In my last "From the Editor" column I invited suggestions for a silver anniversary volume to appear in 2017. I am happy now to report that there will be a special double-issue with state-of-the-art papers on a survey of subdisciplines of Slavic linguistics, written by leading scholars in those areas. The volume will be guest-edited by Stephen Dickey, Laura Janda, Keith Langston, and Catherine Rudin. Their aim is to have the anniversary issue ready by the annual SLS meeting. Which brings me to the next topic... annual meetings!

The 2017 meeting, which will mark the 25th year of *JSL* and the 12th annual meeting of SLS, is scheduled to take place in Ljubljana. Working backwards from that point, SLS XI will be in Toronto in 2016 and, this year, SLS X is in Heidelberg (where this issue of *JSL* will be available). It is truly exciting to see how robust and international the organization has become, as SLS and *JSL* evolve in tandem.

In terms of staffing, little has changed at the journal. Rosemarie Connolly continues as Managing Editor, providing essential oversight as she works closely with Associate Editors, authors, and myself at all stages of the editorial and production process. Although the Associate Editors remain the same, two members of the Editorial Board are leaving. These are Leonard Babby and Roumyana Slabakova. I thank you both for years of support. Joining the Board is Keith Langston (University of Georgia), a scholar with a long history of involvement with *JSL*.

I now turn to the organization itself. According to SLS bylaws (<http://www.slaviclinguistics.org/bylaws>), each year two members are elected to serve a three-year term on the Executive Board; its current constituency is listed in the front matter of this issue. Stepping down this year are Laura Janda and Sylwester Jaworski, so it will be up to the membership attending the Heidelberg meeting to elect two new individuals to the SLS Executive Board.

In closing, let me reiterate my usual appeals. The journal always needs your help. Please continue to submit quality papers, to review new books to share with our readership, and to referee manuscripts when asked. We are also continually looking for new people to take on various editorial roles, and to submit material of general interest to the field such as Reflections and In Memoriam pieces, so if you have any inclinations in this direction, let me know. The society also always needs your help and expertise; I encourage you to contact the Executive Board if you want to become more involved with SLS activities. New initiatives are constantly on the table, and one easy way to help with these is simply to make a donation to the organization (<http://www.slaviclinguistics.org/donate>) or to become a life member.

Steven Franks
Editor-in-Chief