

From the Editors

This issue marks the beginning of the *Journal of Slavic Linguistics* under a significantly changed editorial team. With the close of 2017, Steven Franks stepped down as the Editor-in-Chief of *JSL* after 25 years of generous service. His contribution and dedication to the Journal, the Slavic Linguistics Society, and the field of Slavic linguistics as a whole go well beyond the usual. As explained in the *JSL* Silver Anniversary Issue 25(2), Steve was not only the Editor-in-Chief but also one of the two founders of *JSL*. We need to thank him for his editorial service as well as for his vision and effort put into the creation of the Journal that has established itself as the foremost journal in Slavic linguistics. As his boots are too big to fill for a single person, *JSL* now has two Editors-in-Chief. Our selection as the new editors was announced at the SLS annual meeting in Ljubljana in September 2017, and our term started in January 2018. All of the Associate Editors listed in 25(2) remain on board. But as some of the Associate Editors had resigned in the two years before the transition, we looked for a new Associate Editor. Steven Clancy from Harvard University joined the team in April 2018. Concurrently with his resignation, the outgoing Editor-in-Chief also disbanded the Editorial Board, so *JSL* now has a new Editorial Board consisting of a mix of old and new members. We expanded the board and tried to ensure even greater representation of Slavic linguistics outside North America to give the Journal a greater reach across the various places where Slavic linguistics is practiced widely. We wish to welcome all the new members of the Associate-Editor and Editorial-Board teams and to thank all the old members for staying on. Steven Franks has not left *JSL* completely as he is now a member of the Editorial Board. *JSL* currently remains part of Slavica Publishers and is thus partially stationed at Indiana University. The Managing Editor for the current issue is Phillip Weirich.

An important change that we introduced at the very beginning of our term has to do with the submission and review system. *JSL* switched from an e-mail-based submission and review system to the Open Journal System (a PKP package—<https://pkp.sfu.ca/>), a free online submission and review system which is hosted at <http://ojs.ung.si/index.php/JSL>. Although such a transition inevitably involves a learning period for the editorial team, the switch should greatly facilitate and streamline the handling of each submission, reduce the likelihood of submissions getting misplaced, and more generally allow better tracking and timeliness of the submission and review process. Besides a sub-

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mission and review system, the OJS platform also supports online publication of journal articles, but as it is designed for open access, this is not a feature that *JSL* can make use of at this point.

We thank the SLS executive board for the trust invested in us. We will do our best to ensure that *JSL* continues to publish top-level Slavic linguistics irrespective of the subfield of linguistics, the theoretical background, or the language of the data analyzed, and that the whole editorial process continues to be efficient and up-to-date with the standards of leading linguistics journals.

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