

Editors' note: After twenty years

Twenty years ago, in the fall of 1999, *Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics* (BWPL) published its first issue. Many things have changed since then. We began as a combined linguistics and literature journal – *University of Bucharest Review*, with separate literature and linguistics issues, which was publishing a selection of the papers presented at the annual conference of the English Department of the University of Bucharest. In 2007, the linguistics issues changed their name into *Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics*, which became a double-blind peer reviewed journal and in 2011 it obtained its own ISSN.

Some things, however, remained constant: the quality of the papers, the enthusiasm of the contributors, the challenging and constructive evaluations of our reviewers, as well as our desire to stay true to our initial goal – to create a front-line journal of modern linguistics in the country, featuring both well-established and emerging linguists.

When it comes to marking anniversaries, publications usually look back. This is what we did as well. We invited the authors who published in the early issues of BWPL, some of them in the very first issue back in 1999, to contribute to our 21st volume. This is our way of looking forward as well, since *Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics* is coming of age. It has grown more mature, more professional, more international, it has gone open access, it has been indexed in EBSCOhostTM, ERIH PLUS, DOAJ, ROAD and Ulrichsweb.

The editorial team thanks all the authors involved in this year's anniversary issues. They all responded to our invitation with enthusiasm in spite of the very tight deadlines. We also express our heart-felt gratitude to all of our authors, reviewers, members of the scientific committee and readers who have supported us since 1999. Without their help BWPL would have never become the respectable journal it is now and we would have nothing to celebrate.

There is one person who deserves a special “Thank you” on this anniversary: Alexandra Cornilescu, who launched and sustained this journal over the years. Without her love for linguistics, her generosity and her efforts, *Bucharest Working Papers in Linguistics* would not have existed at all. Thank you, Alexandra!