

## From the Editors

This volume represents the 6th volume of the *Journal of Greek Linguistics*. In many ways it is a typical volume, with a mix of interesting topics on its pages and of senior and more junior scholars as authors, but it has a few unusual features that give it a marked character.

One such feature is that this volume carries with it a special dedication — to our friend and colleague Gaberell Drachman (see page 3) — and in recognition of this, an article by him.

The other articles we publish this time round constitute a characteristically representative selection of themes: Ingria on lexical semantics, Bella on deictic categories, Nicholas on rude negators, and Rytting on speaker/hearer attitudes to Greek synizesis and hiatus. Also, unusually, one of these articles (that by Ingria) is published unreviewed; sadly, Bob Ingria died in 2003, and this late manuscript of his was preserved and kindly annotated for this publication by Nick Nicholas of the University of Melbourne. On the other hand, our State-of-the-Art article this year comes from the most interesting and growing field of neurolinguistics, and is by newly married Stavroula Stavrakaki, one of our younger contributors.

We also sadly commemorate with obituaries the lives of two deceased members of our community.

But as always, we continue to look to the future of the journal and the field. We thus take this opportunity to invite participants in Greek-oriented Workshops, Conferences and Congresses to offer extended versions of their papers for publication in *JGL*.

In the same vein, we would like to build on the success of the State-of-the-Art articles in past issues of the journal and propose a further extension of the coverage of *JGL*. In particular, we are instituting an occasional Mini-Round-Table (MRT) section, centered on some current innovative or controversial topic in Modern Greek linguistics. Any potential Guest Editor interested in presenting an MRT may submit a proposal to the Editors. Such a proposal would consist of a topic-title, a brief declaration of aims, together with the names of some 4–5 invited contributors and their sub-topics. We anticipate assigning some 10 pages to each sub-topic, as well as two-to-three pages to the Guest Editor for an overview by of the topic and the range of contributions offered. We look forward to hearing from prospective Guest Editors.

We close with two further announcements. First, our editorial experiences with recent issues lead us to insist that, from here on, a submitted manuscript, whether original or revised, will be returned to the author(s) if it presents an unreasonable number of spelling errors and/or infelicities in wording; we simply do not have the staff to be able to undertake any more than the merest copy-editing on what we receive, so the primary burden falls to the authors in this regard. We therefore urge all contributors, if in doubt about a manuscript, to get a native English speaker or an experienced editor to check it out before submitting it.

Second, mention must be made of an unfortunate situation in an earlier issue of the journal. We the editors of the *Journal of Greek Linguistics* take very seriously our duty to present in the pages of our journal only original or properly cited and attributed material. In concluding this Editorial, we are unhappily concerned with a case of plagiarism in *JGL*, which we address in what follows.

We have been made aware that Prof. Ioanna Kappa of the University of Crete, in her article ‘On the acquisition of syllable structure in Greek’ published in *JGL* Vol. 3, 1–52, plagiarized (i.e. copied word for word without citation) a number of passages from already published work of other scholars.\* We have sadly confirmed this and Prof. Kappa has admitted the charge. We would like to emphasize our finding that there was clearly no ‘malicious intent’ involved on Prof. Kappa’s part, as the copying appears to have been the result of carelessness in note-taking. Nevertheless, in underlining a clear ‘zero-tolerance’ for plagiarism in any form, we feel bound to penalize the author: as Editors, therefore, we have imposed on Prof. Kappa a three-year ban on submission to *JGL*.

Last, but surely not least, we wish you all χαιρετισμούς, και καλό διάβασμα!!!

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## Note

\* The works in question are: Barlow, J. A., & D. A. Dinnsen. 1998. “Asymmetrical cluster development in a disordered system”. *Language Acquisition* 7.1–49; Barlow, J. A., & J. A. Gierut. 1999. “Optimality theory in phonological acquisition.” *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research* 42.1482–1498; Gnanadesikan, A. E. 2004. “Markedness and faithfulness constraints in child phonology”. *Constraints in phonological acquisition* edited by R. Kager, J. Pater, & W. Zonneveld, 73–108. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press; and Pater, J. 2004. “Bridging the gap between receptive and productive development with minimally violable constraints”. *Constraints in phonological acquisition* edited by R. Kager, J. Pater, & W. Zonneveld, 219–244. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.