

Editorial

We are extremely pleased and honoured to be taking over as co-editors of the *Journal of Child Language*. We follow an impressive list of previous editors. We know it will be a challenging role, but we are excited by the challenge and look forward to working together to meet it.

Having been associate editors under Elena Lieven's editorship, we appreciate the outstanding contribution that Elena has made over the past 9 years as editor of the journal, and we thank her on behalf of the child language research community. Elena brought enormous energy, thoroughness and fairness into her editorship. She has endeavoured at all times to maintain a balance amongst different theoretical positions. She has introduced a review article and comments section and this innovation has been very successful and greatly appreciated by readers of the journal. We hope we can maintain the high standard set by Elena.

We are pleased to be working with such an excellent support team: associate editors Brian Richards, Paul Fletcher, Clifton Pye, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler and Shanley Allen; book review editor Virginia Gathercole; statistical advisor Glyn Collis; administrative assistant Miles Lambert. We are also pleased to have such an outstanding Editorial Board, listed on the facing page, with some new faces and some returning. We look forward to consulting with these people, and thank them all for agreeing to be involved.

The major change for 2006 will be the introduction of electronic submissions; details will be announced shortly. We anticipate this change will improve turn-around time for reviewing of papers and editorial decisions on submissions. Note that the editorial office will stay in the UK; all submissions will be handled by the JCL editorial office.

We will work to ensure that the high standard of the journal continues, and we encourage researchers in all areas of child language to submit their manuscripts to JCL.

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