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Editorial note

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With a little delay and a few weeks already into 2022, we would like to take the opportunity to provide an update to our readers on this past year's activities and plans for the upcoming year.

2021, like the year before, has been quite difficult for many of us. Many of the emails we have received mention anxiety, exhaustion, confusion, even despair over what is happening. We are very happy to report that the editorial team of *Linguistics Vanguard*, was not affected too badly, overall, by the pandemic, though some of us did contract Covid-19, and many had to self-quarantine at one point or another. Our thoughts are with those who were not so lucky and who have suffered from severe health problems or maybe have even lost friends and family members.

As we mentioned in our 2020 editorial, we had many exciting articles and special collections in the pipeline for publication in 2021, and so this year, despite all tragedy in the wider world, was a very good one for *Linguistics Vanguard*. We have published 23 independent articles plus five special collections with more than 40 articles in total: "Ideology and commemoration in the urban scape", edited by Małgorzata Fabiszak and Isabelle Buchstaller, "Instructing embodied knowledge. Multimodal approaches to interactive practices for knowledge constitution", edited by Oliver Ehmer and Geert Brône, "Efficiency in human language: corpus evidence for universal principles", edited by Natalia Levshina and Steven Moran, "Intra-speaker variation across time and space – Sociolinguistics meets psycholinguistics", edited by Lars Bülow and Simone E. Pfenniger, and "Using Smartphones to collect data for Linguistic Research", edited by Adrian Leeman and Nanna Haug Hilton.

A number of articles are now available as open access on our platform. Please remember: *Linguistics Vanguard* has its own Twitter Channel (@lingvanguard) with more than 1,700 followers currently.

As always, we invite potential guest editors of special collections to get in touch with us or any other member of the editorial team, such as an Area Editor, if they would like to propose a new special collection on any topic within general linguistics.

We are very proud to see that the journal has really established itself. Not only did we see an increase in submissions, but also a wider readership. *Linguistics Vanguard* has created a niche for itself, with its short, high-quality papers, comparatively quick turn around and opportunities for publishing special collections on diverse topics, including those which are clearly of linguistic interest but may lack a natural "home", often because they are exploring emerging areas of the discipline. These successes are mirrored, among other things, by the journal's impact measures: 0.971 as a general impact factor, a Cite Score of 2.4, and a Journal Citation Indicator of 1.43 compare favorably with well-established journals in the field.

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the central contribution that all of our Area Editors make to the journal: soliciting new articles, assisting with the editing of special collections, and carrying out the editorial tasks that are so essential to the success of *Linguistics Vanguard*. Bhuvana Narasimhan, Christine Dimroth, Eitan Grossman, and Jason Shaw are cycling off as Area Editors this year, and we want to give them special thanks for all of their work on behalf of the journal. Bhuvana, Christine, and Jason were the final inaugural Area Editors serving on the board, and it's time for the new team to take over. We welcome no fewer than eight new Area Editors: Jenny Audring, Ellen Hurst, Mohamed Lahrouchi, Mingya Liu, Robert Mailhammer, Peggy Renwick, Ioanna Sitaridou, and Yao Yao have started their terms earlier this year. We very much look forward to working with you all! Let us emphasize once again that an Area Editorship goes

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well beyond what is associated with being a member of a traditional editorial board. The Area Editors are those who breathe life into this journal, and who are in charge of managing an ever-growing number of exciting new contributions. It would be impossible for the journal to function without their insights and efforts! Kudos!

Needless to say, it is also our pleasure to thank all of contributors. Without you, there would be no journal. And a big “thank you” goes to the dozens of reviewers who spent many hours reading papers and commenting on them, not only to provide authors with valuable input, but also to enable Area Editors to reach their well-founded decisions.

We also thank the whole team at De Gruyter for their continued support, especially Lisa Deringer, our journal manager, and Sandhiya Veeraragavan, our production manager, who is working so very hard to keep our authors (and us) happy. Special acknowledgments must also go to our editorial assistant, Marie-Christine Benen, without whom the journal’s potential would not be realized, and to our outgoing copy-editor, Angela Terrill of Punctilious Editing Sweden, as well as our new copy-editor Tim Curnow of TJC Editing, who joined the team in the summer.

We look forward to another exciting volume of *Linguistics Vanguard*, bringing innovative, high-quality research to you in 2022!