

EDITOR'S NOTE

From the editor

The International Circle of Korean Linguistics (ICKL), established in 1975, is the oldest international association of Korean linguistics. Its official journal, *Korean Linguistics* (KL), is reaching a critical milestone as it is reborn as a journal in the distinguished stable of John Benjamins Publishing Company, a leader and major publisher in the field of theoretical linguistics. As the editor of KL, I am honored and gratified that scholarly work at the cutting edge of Korean linguistics, an arena of growing importance in practically all branches of linguistics, can now reach a worldwide readership in an unprecedented way. Another significant development is that the journal, which used to be published biennially, will now be published biannually. Volume 15, No. 1 includes four original papers investigating a wide range of linguistic phenomena in the Korean language. The articles in this volume continue to demonstrate the strength and sophistication of linguists working on Korean, as they put the facts of this major world language to use in the advancement of general linguistic theory.

The contributors to this issue have been very patient in many different ways. First of all, due to the delay caused by the special circumstances involving the change of publishers, some of the articles are appearing considerably later than originally expected. I also thank them for their understanding and cooperation with my repeated demands for revisions and other requests. As always, my sincere gratitude goes to our esteemed referees for generously contributing their time and expertise not only in the selection process but most important, in helping to improve every single paper that has been submitted and resubmitted. Once again, I sincerely regret my inability to thank them publicly, as keeping their anonymity is so crucial for the entire review process. I am very happy to thank David Yoo for providing such a valuable service as a copy editor.

Finally, I have to officially acknowledge the pivotal contributions of two people, who have made a real difference not only for KL but also for the field of Korean linguistics—in fact, for the field of Korean studies in general. John Whitman, Associate Editor of KL, and Anke de Looper, Acquisition Editor of John Benjamins Publishing Company, were active supporters and believers in the new partnership. Their constant encouragements and their positive approach to establishing these new arrangements have made this transition one of the happiest times of my personal and public life.

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