

EDITOR'S NOTE

On behalf of the editorial board and myself, I feel very proud to present to the world of language experts the inaugural issue of *An International Journal of Language Sciences* (IJLS) published by the School of Language Sciences, EFL University. IJLS is a peer reviewed online research journal aiming to publish high quality research in all the areas of theoretical and applied linguistics and phonetics. It is published online twice a year.

Although the academic world has several journals in Linguistics, I feel the need for this journal firstly to provide space for many other young researchers in linguistics to publish their findings. To this end, in addition to the articles from senior linguists, IJLS publishes papers by young research scholars. In addition, because both the Linguistics and Phonetics departments in the EFL university have been well-established and known for the quality of teaching and research, particularly in theoretical linguistics and phonetics of English, a journal like IJLS supported by these departments will definitely contribute to the development of the subject, disseminate the innovative ideas and findings, promote quality research and benefit many scholars in India and abroad. Also I believe that most of the young research scholars do not find a platform to express their ideas and views, and hence IJLS would like to introduce a section on 'squibs and discussions' which will open opportunities to publish research ideas and on-going research on various linguistic topics and issues.

The present issue has seven articles in major areas of Linguistics and Phonetics including an invited article from Prof. K. Srikumar, Department of Linguistics, Lucknow University. I am very much indebted to Prof. Srikumar for submitting his article without asking any questions. I would like to thank the Editorial Board and anonymous reviewers for helping us to bring out the journal within a short period of time. Most importantly, I am extremely thankful to Prof. E. Suresh Kumar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, EFL University for his initiative and constant encouragement to publish international online journal in Linguistics by the School of Language Sciences.

Finally, I request all the prospective readers and contributors to provide their feedback and suggestions to improve the standard of the journal in order to serve the linguistics research community in a better way.

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