



FROM THE EDITOR

In the last 2017 issue of *Jezikoslovlje*, my colleague, former teacher and mentor, Mario Brdar announced a change in leadership of the journal. After eleven years of service, Mario decided to step down as Editor-in-Chief to take a much deserved break among “the ordinary rank and file”. Mario’s expertise, experience, and unwavering enthusiasm for all things linguistic have brought *Jezikoslovlje* to the very top of linguistic journals in Croatia. Under his helm, *Jezikoslovlje* was crowned by an internationally renowned Editorial and Advisory Board and has earned the reputation of a respectable publication far beyond national borders.

Mario has been invaluable to the journal and will continue to be an inspiration to all who follow. Unfortunately, it is in the saddest of circumstances that I take the reins. Branko Kuna, who was to take over as Editor-in-Chief, passed away unexpectedly. While we are still recovering from this loss, we have done our utmost to make the transition as smooth as possible. This issue opens with a special *In memoriam* written by Ana Mikić Čolić, to commemorate Branko’s life and work. Branko was not only a superb academic, his strong passion was inspiring and cultivating students’ zeal for linguistics. The last contribution in this issue is a book notice presenting one of Branko’s last projects, his 2017 edited volume of student essays in pragmalinguistics. Another sad event of 2017, the premature death of Prof. Dr. Susanne Göpferich-Görnert, has also left a deep mark. Prof. Dr. Göpferich-Görnert had been a valuable member of our Advisory Board and will be greatly missed. Once again we extend our heartfelt sympathies to her family and friends. In her place on the Advisory Board, we welcome Prof. Dr. Vlasta Kučič (University of Maribor), whose expertise and shared research interests with late Prof. Dr. Göpferich-Görnert will no doubt make her an asset in the future work of the journal.

Finally, let me extend my warmest welcome to my colleagues and close friends who will be with me in the first line of battle in the next four years: Tanja Gradečak-Erdeljić, who will act as the Managing Editor, Goran Tanacković Faletar, who will take over as the Technical Editor, and three editorial secretaries: Sanja Cimer, Ana Mikić Čolić, and Dubravka Vidaković Erdeljić. Mario has done the lion’s share in bringing *Jezikoslovlje* to its current standing and has laid the groundwork for the improvements planned for the near future. With much enthusiasm we embrace all other challenges that may come our way and look forward to the great new things that lie ahead.

Gabrijela Buljan, Editor-in-Chief