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This first issue of *TURKIC LANGUAGES* mirrors, to the extent possible within the given space, the wide range of interests the journal is intended to encompass.

In the present selection of contributions, Karl Heinrich Menges gives a survey of previous periodicals devoted to Turcology, Bernard Comrie deals with the relations of Turkic language studies and typological research, Geoffrey L. Lewis examines a remarkable phase of the Turkish language reform process, Hendrik Boeschoten and Ad Backus discuss code-switching and linguistic change, Marcel Erdal comments on the interpretation of an Old Uyghur document, Rémy Dor analyses Turkish "counting-out rhymes", and Claus Schönig embarks on a major attempt to reclassify the Turkic languages. The issue also contains a report by Hans Nugteren and Marti Roos on the 30th PIAC meeting as well as reviews written by Klára Agyagási, Peter Bakker, Ahmet Kocaman and Edhem Tenishev. An introductory article outlines the goals of the new journal.

Since our call for papers has elicited an unexpectedly positive response, it is already clear that the next issues will contain a comparable variety of contributions. It is a great pleasure to announce a forthcoming report by Dan I. Slobin on current developments in Turkish developmental psycholinguistics, as presented to the 7th Congress of the International Association for the Study of Child Language, Istanbul, July 1996, and an article by Stephen A. Wurm on Turkic-based hybrid languages in China. Lütfiye Oktar will report on the 8th Turkish Linguistics Conference. Coming issues will also include contributions by Gregory Anderson, Árpád Berta, Bernt Brendemoen, Christiane Bulut, Éva Á. Csató, Gerhard Doerfer, Arienne Dwyer, Geoffrey Haig, Michael Hess, Gunnar Jarring, Sergej G. Kljashtornyj, Andrei Malchukov, Irina Nevskaja, Klaus Röhrborn, Volker Rybatzki, Wolfgang-Ekkehard Scharlipp, Engin Sezer, Marek Stachowski, Sabira Ståhlberg, Talat Tekin and other authors. We are looking forward to receiving further interesting contributions.

The editors wish to express their gratitude to all authors who have shown their confidence by submitting contributions to a medium that had not yet taken material shape. It is hoped that the journal in its manifest form will evoke at least as much interest.