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Editorial note

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The present issue of TURKIC LANGUAGES introduces a new period in the short history of the journal. According to our principles of rotation, it has a partly new editorial board. The journal was originally defined as "Europe-based in the sense of being edited by a group of European scholars" (TURKIC LANGUAGES 1/1997: 5). We now think it is time to go a step further, i.e. to "go global". We are thus proud to announce that Larry V. Clark (USA) and Tooru Hayasi (Japan) have accepted to join the board for the period ahead.

Our sincere thanks are due to the colleagues who are now leaving the editorial board. Their strong efforts to develop the journal are highly appreciated, and we are counting on their continued support.

TURKIC LANGUAGES has known no shortages in the supply of good contributions. On the contrary, the journal has always been short of space, which has sometimes caused unnecessarily long "waiting lists". We have now decided to solve part of this problem by reducing the font size of the text, thus probably gaining some 20 per cent of space.

As will be evident from the contents of the present issue, the adjustments certainly do not involve any change of direction in the editorial policy. Several articles are devoted to Turkish issues. Friederike Braun, author of the recently published monograph *Geschlecht im Türkischen?* (Wiesbaden, 2000), deals with the problem of gender in the Turkish language system. Marcel Erdal treats resultative deverbal adjectives of the Turkish types *açık* 'open' and *kapalı* 'closed'. Aysu Erden and Işıl Özyıldırım present a functional analysis of the Turkish system of apology. Javanshir Shibliyev and İsmail Boztaş examine the acquisition of English collocations by native speakers of Turkish and Azerbaijani. Han Steenwijk presents a comprehensive study on modern Turkish adjectives in *-vari*.

Two contributions concern Turkic languages of the Northeast. Maja I. Cheremina and Irina A. Nevskaja scrutinize an intentional construction found in South Siberian Turkic. Erika Taube compares a mythical tradition of the Tuvans of the Altay region with a parallel version familiar to the Fuyü Turks of Manchuria.

In the review section, Mark Kirchner deals with a handbook of Kazakh published by Cholpan Khoussainova and Rémy Dor. Claus Schönig comments on Larry Clark's *Turkmen reference grammar*. Finally, Christoph Schroeder reviews the proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Turkish Linguistics convened at Mainz in 1994 (*The Mainz Meeting*).

The editors are looking forward to receiving further interesting contributions. Please keep in mind that submissions should conform to the citation and stylistic requirements as indicated in *TURKIC LANGUAGES* 1/1997: 151-156 and on the journal's webpage (at www.uni-mainz.de/FB/Philologie-III/Orientkunde/joh.html).

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