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The present issue of *TURKIC LANGUAGES* contains three articles on Turkish. Memet Aktürk-Drake deals with the phonological treatment of the non-velarized lateral *l* in word-final coda position of Turkish lexical borrowings from Arabic and Swedish, investigating the roles and interaction of different phonological and sociolinguistic factors for the choice of integration strategies.

Gerjan van Schaik examines the use of Turkish place nouns in compound-based postposition-like elements with a zero-marked complement as opposed to similar constructions with a genitive-marked complement, e.g. *masa üstünde* vs. *masanın üstünde* 'on the table'. The author argues that in cases where no such opposition exists, the constructions with zero-marked complements have reached the degree of real postpositions.

Didem Koban comments on innovations in the speech of Turks living in New York City. The speakers have become less dependent on Turkish and express themselves in English-like ways. Their lexical knowledge may have undergone changes during the contact with American English. According to the author, the new usages contribute to the creation of a variety of Turkish quite different from the Turkish varieties spoken in Turkey.

Vitaly Voinov's article deals with a Tuvan phenomenon, the fact that certain personal and demonstrative plural pronouns can be marked with an extra plural morpheme, e.g. *bis-ter-ler* 'we', *si-ler-ler* 'you', *bo-lar-lar* 'these'. This 'repluralization' is not only an honorific device, but can have other functions as well, ascribing a special status to the referent.

Éva Á. Csátó reports on a recent Uppsala workshop on Karaim studies, summarizing the presentations and providing a selective list of relevant publications on Karaim issues produced at the institutions of the participants.

The issue is concluded by reviews of a book on Turkic-Iranian language contacts, a volume on Turcology at the University of Mainz, and an edition of the Mongolian source "Činggis Qayan-u Altan Tobči".

It is our sad duty to convey the message that Denis Sinor, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the Department of Central Eurasian Studies of Indiana University, passed away on January 12, 2011, at the age of 94. He was one of the founders of the Permanent International Altaistic Conference and its Secretary General for many years. Professor Sinor was an authority in Uralic and Altaic studies, a leading scholar in the field of the history of Central Asia, but many of his older publications also deal with Turkic, Mongolic, and Altaic linguistics.

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