

EDITORIAL

Valued readers,

We place in your hands another edition of our publication, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the creation in 1964 at Adam Mickiewicz University of the first Department of Applied Linguistics. The creator of that department – the late Prof. Ludwik Zabrocki – created a publication two years later, whose title referred to the teaching of (foreign) languages, and whose subtitle somehow stresses that that field is a part of applied linguistics. If we accept that all applications of language in theory and practice are a part of applied linguistics, then this also includes glottodidactics. This is so, regardless of the fact that it possesses – like many other sub-disciplines within applied linguistics – the status of an autonomous discipline. Fields are so regarded which have their own research objects and aims, and which apply academic research methods.

Our Institute of Applied Linguistics continues and effectively develops academic research and university education. It presents its achievements, among others, in this periodical, but also in such academic journals as *Język – Kultura – Kominikacja*, Wydawnictwo Naukowe UAM and *Posener Beitrage zur Angewandten Linguistik*, Peter Lang Verlag. The materials from the Institute's anniversary international conference will appear in a separate publication – see <www.ils.amu.edu.pl>.

We would like encourage our academic partners at home and abroad to submit academic materials for publication in our periodical, and would like to offer you our sincere wishes for a successful New Year 2016.

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