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A Note from the Editors

We can look back on a year that has been notable in many respects. First of all, the year 2004 really made us editors sweat: the number of submissions may have been higher than ever before. This was not an altogether positive feature, since a high proportion of this flood of papers unfortunately turned out to be of relatively poor quality. In fact, we editors could not quite escape the suspicion that some of the papers were submitted in the hope that no review process would take place. In order to counter any future speculations of this kind, we therefore decided to publish in this issue a list of the referees of *SKY JoL* 16 and 17 (overleaf). The current editors suggest that publishing the names of referees every second year be made standard practice: this will not only help dispel any doubts about the rigorousness of the review process applied, but may also serve as a well deserved public recognition of the work of those referees who do not belong to our advisory editorial board.

In the course of the year, the board of the Linguistic Association of Finland made the decision to start publishing *SKY JoL* as a free-access web journal alongside the print version. From this issue onwards, *SKY JoL* will therefore combine the advantages of the traditional and electronic publication formats: the longevity of paper and the wide distribution of a web journal. As a consequence of this decision, the morale of our members will of course be put to a certain test. However, we are convinced that the availability of *SKY JoL* as a web publication will not result in a sudden fall in our membership.

The international impact of *SKY JoL* has developed further this year. We have started co-operation with *Cambridge Scientific Abstracts* and the *Modern Languages Association International Bibliography*. From issue 16 onwards, the abstracts of the articles will be published by *CSA* and the contents of the journal will be indexed in the *MLA Bibliography*.

It goes without saying that we editors again owe a debt of deepest gratitude to our contributors and referees, not to mention many of our colleagues who have helped us with matters of language or provided hints for the referee hunt.

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