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From the Editor

Looking back over this column in previous issues, I am happy to report that we have succeeded in keeping to our semiannual schedule. This issue of *JSL* goes to press just in time for distribution at the third annual SLS meeting, taking place 10–12 June 2008 at Ohio State. The next issue, 16.2, should be ready well in time for the AATSEEL meeting in December. Activity in Slavic linguistics remains healthy and strong, and membership in SLS is growing. We owe this to the organizers, speakers, and other participants of the various meetings which have flourished in Europe and the U.S., and of course to *JSL* authors and reviewers. I am also very grateful to our dedicated group of Associate Editors: Christina Bethin, Wayles Browne, Hana Filip, Uwe Junghanns, and Catherine Rudin, as well as to the diverse members of our Editorial Board.

Closer to home, for their remarkable efficiency I thank the hard-working Indiana University staff of *JSL*, graduate students Bora Kim and Rosemarie Connolly. The two of them have considerably lightened my editorial burdens. Bora has served as Managing Editor for the past three years, doing a superb job of keeping tabs on day-to-day operations of the Journal. During this time, she has put a great deal of time and energy into *JSL*. She is, however, soon returning for Korea to complete her dissertation and begin a new, post-*JSL* life. Rosie has worked as Technical Editor for two years, during which time, with her precision, care, and commitment she has become the main force for keeping publication on schedule. Fortunately, as part of my recent negotiations to become Chair of IU's Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, I was able to secure a full-time graduate assistantship for managing *JSL*. I am delighted therefore to announce that Rosie has agreed to assume Bora's responsibilities as Managing Editor in addition to those she currently bears. What this means in practical terms is that there will be one individual responsible both for managing submissions as we track them through the review process and for production once they are accepted. This will make it easier for authors to

work with us and will reduce chances of miscommunication. All in all, then, I anticipate a more streamlined *JSL* over the next few years. We intend to work more closely with SLS, as the organization defines itself, and to continue to publish high quality current research in all areas of Slavic linguistics.

As always, we look forward to receiving your manuscripts for consideration. I also invite you to submit other items, such as a *Reflections* piece, if you have thoughts on the state of the field you wish to share, or an *In Memoriam* piece. Finally, we continue to solicit proposals for guest-edited topical issues.

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Editor-in-Chief