



EDITORIAL

A little over a year ago, all those connected with the *Revista Signos. Estudios de Lingüística* were shocked by the news of the death of our colleague and friend, Giovanni Parodi, who directed the journal for fourteen years, making it one of the best ranked academic publications in the Spanish-speaking world. His commitment to our discipline and his vision on the development of academic networks at the national and international level led our journal to become known in diverse academic contexts. Over the years, in this task, he involved his colleagues from the Institute of Literature and Language Sciences of the PUCV. From their roles as disciplinary editors and as experts in their respective areas of specialization, they have contributed to the position and prestige that our journal currently holds. It is in recognition of his efforts that the Editorial Committee of *Revista Signos. Estudios de Lingüística* pays this special tribute.

Undertaking the editorship of the journal has been a great honor and an enormous challenge. Despite having been part of the Editorial Committee for six years, I could not have imagined the magnitude of Giovanni's legacy nor the respect and affection that our readers have shown us since his departure and continue to show each day. This appreciation for our work makes all of us in the editorial board feel even more committed to continue with this great legacy of contributing to the development of linguistics through the dissemination of cutting-edge research that meets high theoretical and methodological standards. This is why we are determined to conduct in the short term a technical modernization and updating of the journal and its editorial processes in order to meet the growing demands of today's scholarly and scientific communication.

This issue in honor of Giovanni Parodi is very important to us. It covers the topics Giovanni focused on during his academic life, and we are very proud of the outcome. I am sure he would be too. This remarkable endeavor has been made possible, first of all, thanks to the guest editors, Dr. Óscar Loureda (University of Heidelberg) on behalf of the Scientific Committee, and Dr. Romualdo Ibáñez (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso) on behalf of the Editorial Committee. They have both made an invaluable

contribution to the production of this issue, and I am infinitely grateful to them for having captured the essence of this very special tribute and for having captured so adequately in the introduction the contribution of each manuscript in relation to Giovanni's career.

Secondly, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to those who responded to our call for contributions for this issue. Never before has our journal brought together so many leading exponents of their respective fields in the same issue. I have witnessed that in each and every case the response to this invitation was motivated by respect, affection and admiration for Giovanni as a person and as a scholar, and that in each case there is one (or several) stories that faithfully reflect his charisma. Dear Authors, I thank you for all the work it took you to produce your contribution to this issue in such a short time, and for your kind replies to each of my persistent e-mails. I also thank those who were unable to contribute because I know their reasons were strong. At the same time, we know that many would have liked to have been involved, but unfortunately our capacity was limited.

Finally, I thank those who performed the important task of blind peer review and thus contributed to the transparency and quality of our editorial processes. Undoubtedly, this issue would not have been possible without their prompt response and invaluable comments, which in each case contributed to the improvement of the manuscripts. In addition to the members of the academic committee, I thank each one personally at the end of these introductory words.

Finally, I hope that this issue is a contribution both for experienced scholars, for those who are beginning their academic career in this field, and for linguists in training given the thematic diversity and the problems discussed in the different manuscripts. I extend a sincere invitation for you to continue to be part of the *Revista Signos. Estudios de Lingüística*.

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