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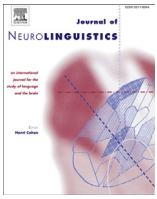

Editorial

Enhancing JNL's impact with collective strength

The Journal of Neurolinguistics (JNL) has been a major international forum for the integration of the neurosciences and language sciences. JNL provides for rapid publication of novel, peer-reviewed, research into the interaction between language, communication, and brain processes. As such, the journal draws attention from researchers in cognitive science, communication disorders, linguistics, neuropsychology, and cognitive neuroscience. Under the leadership of Henri Cohen, JNL has made significant contributions to the field by promoting research on language and the brain, and has distinguished itself from other journals by highlighting the integration of experimental, clinical, and theoretical research.

As we take editorships of JNL in 2014, we applaud Henri Cohen's hard work and dedication that have put the journal in its current excellent position; at the same time, we are honored to have the opportunity to lead the journal through the next years to continue its positive trajectory and momentum. However, we feel that we can only push the journal to its next stage of growth by having the collective strength of JNL's editorial board members, the authors, the reviewers, the readers, and the editors.

First, we are pleased to report that we have a strong editorial board that includes eminent scholars in the field, with many new and many returning members (see http://www.journals.elsevier.com/journal-of-neurolinguistics/editorial-board/). To a large extent, the success of a journal relies on leading experts that have exceptional scholarships to provide advice, comments, and suggestions on how to improve the quality and on what future directions the journal should take. We are fortunate to have such experts to serve on our board, and we thank them for their contribution. In the future, we will further increase the representativeness of the editorial board with regard to both the research areas and the geographic locations of the JNL contributors.

Second, we need authors, readers, and reviewers to provide guidance and feedback on the current strength of JNL, the quality of its service, and any future practices that it should adopt. Authors, reviewers, and readers should take advantage of the surveys that Elsevier sends out periodically, as these survey results have in the past helped us significantly to improve the service of the journal. In fact, through JNL's website one can now email us anytime, without waiting for the survey, regarding how JNL can do better to serve the needs of its audience (click on the editorial board page you will see the email functions). A particular dimension in which we need help from JNL authors, reviewers, and readers is a simple one, true of any journal: we need more high-quality submissions! Articles that report significant theoretical, clinical, and experimental work on the neuroscience of language are all welcome. To ensure the high quality and impact of papers published in JNL, we will continue to count on the expert knowledge of our reviewers (editorial board members, and past and future authors and readers). We also urge authors to closely follow the guidelines provided in the author information pack

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in preparing their manuscripts so that editors and reviewers can focus on the novelty and contribution of the research rather than on stylistic problems of the submission.

Third, we as the new editors will be here to listen, be open-minded to suggestions, and be the hard-workers for JNL in the years to come. We will consider new initiatives and strategies to enhance the journal's impact, visibility, and reputation; in this regard, we are fortunate to have the support and help of the Elsevier staff including Samuel Hodder, Publishing Editor at Elsevier. While we will continue to accept regular research articles in all domains of language and the brain, we are particularly interested in articles that can provide syntheses of theoretical issues, methodological developments, and technological innovations. Such articles can come in the form of field reviews, perspectives on a new technology or methodology, or opinions on a new trend. We also welcome proposals for special issue that focus on specific language groups (e.g., less well studied or represented languages) or specific populations (normal or atypical, child or adult, monolingual or bilingual). We are keen on publishing articles that can elucidate the intricate relations between brain structures, linguistic functions, and cognitive behaviors or disruptions. Finally, we are especially open to articles or special issues that can bridge disciplinary gaps between neuroscience, language, learning, and technology.

Collectively, we can achieve the goal of a truly interdisciplinary journal that serves the neuroscience of language community and that makes a significant impact to the field. We look forward to gaining our collective strength.

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