

Editorial

It is my great honour to present the anniversary issue of *Anglica Wratislaviensia*, the research journal of the Institute of English Studies at the University of Wrocław, published annually as part of *Acta Universitatis Wratislaviensis*.

Anglica Wratislaviensia was launched in 1970 by the Senate of the University, and the first volume of the journal was published in 1972. It included the post-doctoral dissertation of the late Henryk Kałuza, entitled *Tense Forms of the Indicative Mood in Contemporary English*. The opening of the journal coincided with the revival of the University of Wrocław's English Department, which had been closed by the communist Ministry of Education at the beginning of the 1950s. As can be seen, *Anglica Wratislaviensia* is celebrating a double anniversary in 2012: its 50th volume and its 40th year of existence.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Professor Jan Cygan, one of the very first graduates of this English Department after World War II, who spared no effort in the 1960s to reopen the Department and to start the journal. The volumes of *Anglica Wratislaviensia* published in the 1970s and 1980s did not, however, appear regularly, due to the long publishing process. As Professor Cygan reports (2002: 51), volume 10, which was accepted for publication in 1980, only appeared in 1986!

Over the years publication became more regular and since 1990 *Anglica Wratislaviensia* has appeared annually, with separate sections devoted to English literature and culture, English linguistics and applied linguistics. Special editions, containing either doctoral or post-doctoral dissertations of department staff members, were also published at irregular intervals. Thus it was possible for two issues of *Anglica* to appear in one calendar year.

Professor Cygan was the main editor of the journal from 1970 through 1997; I took over in 1998, and have been editing *Anglica* for 15 years now.

The main objective of *Anglica Wratislaviensia* has been to provide opportunities for department staff members and doctoral students to publish articles connected with their areas of research. Thus, a wide spectrum of topics is usually covered in each volume. Traditionally, articles are reviewed and accepted for publication by external specialists who are leading experts in their respective fields.

As the English Department's cooperation with international academia has developed, more and more articles by foreign authors have appeared in *Anglica* every year.

The present volume continues the traditional interdisciplinary character of *Anglica Wratislaviensia*. However, a few more authors from our cooperating academic centres abroad, as well as a number of distinguished colleagues from the Institute of English Studies, have been invited to contribute to the anniversary issue.

The articles in the literary section focus on contemporary British and American literature and culture. A few of them represent ethnic and comparative studies. This section contains eight articles. The linguistic section offers seven papers, devoted to both cognitive and formal linguistics. There are also three papers raising various research issues in applied linguistics. The volume also contains a book review written by the editor herself.

Like the majority of research journals being published in Poland, *Anglica Wratislaviensia* now faces major challenges to meet the new Ministry standards for academic journals. This year we have broadened the Editorial Board, started a separate web page for the journal on the department website, improved the paper submission guidelines and reviewing procedures and, finally, employed three language editors. An article now published in our journal brings six points to its author and to the school with which she/he is affiliated. We trust that in the future the journal will continue to raise its standards and attain international recognition.

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