



## Letter from the President

Greeting at this very busy time of year. As you will see from this newsletter, the Executive Committee has been very since the last newsletter came out.

To begin, as you will see in the article by Dmitry Idiatov, following the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership and Open Access reported on in the last newsletter, the Executive Committee has done a lot more thinking about membership, and has passed a motion to reorganize its membership system, and collect membership fees directly from members. This means that the membership fees will no longer cover the cost of *Linguistic Typology*, and you will have to subscribe directly through De Gruyter if you wish to keep getting the journal. As you will see, there are numerous details to work out but we feel confident that this is the right decision. Many thanks to Dmitry for all his work on this. Please read this article carefully, as it has much important information in it. Please let us know if you have questions, suggestions, etc.

Jeff Good in his role as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Membership and Open Access, Maria Koptevskaja-Tamm in her role as journal editor, and I had a meeting with Lisa Deringer, our liaison at De Gruyter, in October to discuss issues of open access. We know this is an important issue for many ALT members, and we came away from the meeting feeling like there had been some movement on De Gruyter's part. We're encouraged by De Gruyter's willingness to explore new models to increase the Open Access content of the journal and excited about the fact that individual memberships will be linked, for the first time, to making some papers Open Access. Please pay attention to this important point before you drop your LT subscription. In the coming year, we look forward to continue work with De Gruyter to find a sustainable way to allow all *Linguistic Typology* to be Open Access in the future.

On other fronts, planning for the ALT-XIV meeting a year from now is moving along well. Many thanks to the team at the University of Texas Austin for their work on this. We also have an announcement in this newsletter about ALT-XV, which will take place at Beijing University at Zhuhai under the capable leadership of Randy LaPolla. Many thanks to the team that put this proposal together. I

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think that you will be excited when you read about the venue!

I would also like to congratulate Stef Spronck and the graduate student organizers of the Emerging Topics in Typology workshop that took place throughout October and November. Thank you to the organizers and to the many ALT members who participated in what looks like it was a highly successful event bringing together people from around the world.

I will end with an apology that we are behind in terms of appointment of new members of the Nominating Committee, and thus with replacing the outgoing Executive Committee members. This is entirely my fault for not understanding the cycle well enough. We will have to figure out how to run the election as in the Statutes it is linked to the timing of the ALT meeting, and that was postponed for a year. You should be hearing about this soon, so keep watch for upcoming information about it, probably early in the new year.

Many thanks to all the people who make ALT run smoothly. I would like to mention three people here, Hilary Chappell, Nikolaus Himmelmann, and, last but not least, Ljuba Veselinova. Hilary and Nikolaus are taking on extra work as liaisons between the Executive Committee and the awards committees. And Ljuba, as secretary, is the person who keeps ALT on an even keel. Many thanks to her for this.

All the best for the holiday season.

Keren Rice

## 1 Changes in the membership system

**Dmitry Idiatov** presents the report below.

Starting from January 1, 2022, the membership system of the ALT will undergo some major changes. Most importantly, the membership fee and the subscription to the LT will be separated. Membership will be charged during the conference year for 2 years and will be valid for the period up to but not including the next ALT conference. For the members participating at the ALT conference, it will be charged together with the conference fee. A discounted membership fee will be available for students, colleagues from lower-income countries, and members who do not plan on participating in the upcoming ALT conference. For the latter category, the membership fee will be collected directly by the ALT throughout the year. The ALT also plans to introduce the options of life-long membership and sponsoring membership, as well as implement a donation system.

Besides the fact that the way membership has been processed so far is rather



cumbersome for both the members and the ALT, there are three major reasons for this overhaul of the membership system. First, most members already had access to the LT through their institutions, on the one hand, and the percentage of open access papers published in the LT is steadily increasing, on the other. Second, collecting membership fees together with the conference fees will allow very many members to get reimbursed for the entire sum through travel grants, which is currently not possible since travel grants or research projects usually do not cover membership fees. Finally, in the new system the entirety of the membership fee will now stay with the association (against less the 15% of the membership fee previously) and will allow the ALT to support a much wider range of activities.

Currently, ALT spends most of the funds that it receives through members' subscriptions to LT in conference years in the form of fellowships for participating in ALT conferences for colleagues requiring such assistance and for reimbursing the travel expenses of the ALT award winners. Below is an open list of some of the new activities that ALT will be able to implement with the new financial resources becoming available thanks to the membership system overhaul:

- Sponsoring other types of events organized by the members with the goal of promoting linguistic typology besides the ALT conference, such as summer schools and grass-root initiatives such as the workshop series *Emerging Topics in Typology (ETT)* organized by graduate students and hosted by the University of Helsinki during October-November 2021.
- Sponsoring the costs of proofreading for the articles by non-native speakers of English that have been accepted for publication in LT.
- Sponsoring typologically-oriented series or publications at open access publishing outlets, such as Language Science Press.
- Sponsoring the expenses for conversion to LaTeX for typologically-oriented publications at Language Science Press.
- Creating a financial buffer that will be needed for moving the LT to full open access in the future.

As the membership fee and the subscription to the LT will be separated starting from January 1, 2022, all members wishing to opt out of their subscription to LT should contact Isolde Graesser at De Gruyter (Isolde.Graesser@degruyter.com) and request to stop their subscription effective of December 31, 2021. Those members who wish to continue to subscribe to LT need not do anything and should be able to profit from the new lowered journal subscription rates of €60 (regular) and € 37 (student) + shipping and handling (for print).



As explained above, the members participating in the upcoming ALT conference in Austin, Texas, will pay the new membership fee together with the conference fee. For all the other situations, a dedicated payment system will be set up in the beginning of 2022.

The EC adopted the following fee structure and categories:

- Regular membership with attending the ALT conference: 60 € / year x 2 years = 120 € / 2 years
- Regular membership without attending the ALT conference, Student membership, Discounted membership for colleagues from lower-income countries: 30 € / year x 2 years = 60 € / 2 years.
- Sponsoring membership for the members wishing to offer extra support for the ALT: 240 € / 2 years.
- Lifelong membership: 1200 €.

## 2 The Journal *Linguistic Typology*

The Editor, **Maria Koptjevskaja-Tamm**, highlights recent developments in the workflow of the journal together with a presentation of issues 2 and 3 for 2021.

### 2.1 *Impact factor*

The 2020 Impact Factors have been released, and *Linguistic Typology* has climbed from 0.769 (2019) to 1.684! It is now placed rank 65 in the category Linguistics (32 for Language & Linguistics) and has moved from Q3 to Q2.

### 2.2 *New Review Editors*

In 2018 the Editor-in-chief and the Editorial Board at *Linguistic Typology* came to the conclusion that we needed a dedicated Review Editor for the journal, and this new position was approved by the ALT's Executive Committee. To quote Jeff Good's message in the ALT Newsletter 55 in October 2018, "[t]he availability of basic information about new books on the web means that there is a less of a need for traditional "summary-style" book notices than there used to be. However, that does not diminish the importance of ensuring that fair and accessible reviews are published on the latest work of relevance to typology. A dedicated Review Editor for the journal will help make certain that works representing the entire field of typology, as well as its international orientation, are given the attention that they deserve in the pages of the journal".



The journal's first Review Editor has been **Tatiana (Tanya) Nikitina** (LLA-CAN, CNRS) who has done a truly amazing job, in fact, much more and better than I could have ever dreamed of. Tanya brought in systematicity and consistency in choices both of works to be reviewed and in the selection of reviewers. She made sure to have regular reviews of grammars (which also focus on their broader typological relevance), organized an efficient internal reviewing process of the incoming reviews, etc. She has also introduced a recurrent section of Grammar Highlights. In a nutshell, Tanya's contribution has meant a lot for the quality of the journal and its representativity of the field.

In line with our initial agreement that the default term for the Review Editor would be three years, Tanya is now leaving the journal.

In view of the increased share of grammar reviews in the journal, we have now decided to split the position of a Review Editor into two – a Grammar Review Editor and a more general Review Editor. I am delighted to announce the names of the two colleagues who have agreed to take on these responsibilities and to forward their brief self-presentations.

### 2.2.1 Grammar Review Editor

**Jorge Emilio Rosés Labrada**, Assistant Professor of Indigenous Languages Sustainability and Linguistics in the University of Alberta Department of Linguistics. Working within a community-based language research model, he has collaborated with Mako and Piaroa communities in the documentation and description of their languages, both members of the Jodí-Sáliban language family. He has also worked with Kwak'wala and Makah (two Wakashan languages of the North-American Pacific Northwest) and with Sapé and Arutani (two South American isolates). He holds a PhD from The University of Western Ontario and a doctorate in language sciences from the Université Lumière-Lyon 2 and was a Banting and Honorary Killam postdoctoral fellow in First Nations and Endangered Languages at The University of British Columbia between 2015 and 2017. His dissertation—*The Mako Language: Vitality, Grammar and Classification*—received the 2015 Mary R. Haas Book Award from the Society for the Study of the Indigenous Languages of the Americas (SSILA) and he has since served on SSILA's Haas award committee two times. He's co-editor of the volume *Language Documentation and Revitalization in Latin American Contexts* (De Gruyter Mouton, 2016) and past chair of the Linguistic Society of America's Committee on Endangered Languages and their Preservation.



### 2.2.2 General Review Editor

**Alena Witzlack-Makarevich** earned her PhD from the University of Leipzig in 2011. After two years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Zurich, she worked as Junior Professor of linguistic typology and language variation at the Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel. Since 2018, Alena Witzlack-Makarevich is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Linguistics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her typological research focuses on various aspects of grammatical relations, such as variation in grammatical voice systems, differential argument marking, co-argument sensitivity, and lexical effects on grammatical relations. Recently, she co-edited three volumes on the topic: *Diachrony of differential argument marking* (2018, with Ilja A. Seržant), *Argument Selectors: A new perspective on grammatical relations* (2019, with Balthasar Bickel), and *Antipassive: Typology, diachrony, and related constructions* (2021, with Katarzyna Janic). Alena combines typological studies with descriptive and documentary projects. Since 2005, she has been working on aspects of the grammar of and variation in Khoekhoe (Koe-Kwadi) and N||ng (Tuu). Since 2008, she has been part of a descriptive and lexicographic project of the previously underscribed Great Lakes Bantu language Ruuli in Uganda.

We, the Editorial Board, are very happy to welcome Alena and Jorge to our team and are looking forward towards intensive and inspiring collaboration (and fun). And we are very grateful to Tanya for all her hard and thoughtful work – and for being such a lovely and loyal member of the team!



*2.3 Linguistic Typology 2021/ Volume 25 / Issue 2*

**ARTICLES**

*Marieke Olthof, Eva van Lier, Tjeu Claessen, Swintha Danielsen, Katharina Haude, Nico Lehmann, Maarten Mous, Elisabeth Verhoeven, Eline Visser, Marine Vuillermet and Arok Wolvengrey.*

**Verb-based restrictions on noun incorporation across languages**

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*Hiroto Uchihara and Ambrocio Gutiérrez*

**Teotitlán Zapotec: An ‘activizing’ language**

*Page range: 257-301*

*Liljana Mitkowska and Eleni Bužarovska*

**Quasi-passive reflexive constructions: Bridging autonomous and passive situations**

*Page range: 303-343*

*Carol Genetti, Kristine Hildebrandt, Nathaniel A. Sims and Alexia Z. Fawcett*

**Direction and associated motion in Tibeto-Burman**

*Page range: 257-301*

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**BOOK REVIEWS**

*Natalia Kuznetsova*

**Easterday, Shelece. *Highly complex syllable structure: A typological and diachronic study* [Studies in Laboratory Phonology 4]**

*Page range: 389-400*

[Open Access](#)

*Bettina Zeisler*

**Zemp, Marius. *A Grammar of Purik Tibetan* Brill’s Tibetan Studies Library 21**

*Page range: 410-412*



*2.4 Linguistic Typology 2021/ Volume 25 / Issue 3*

**ARTICLES**

*Ellen Smith-Dennis*

***Don't feel obligated, lest it be undesirable: the relationship between prohibitives and apprehensives in Papapana and beyond***

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The Editor's choice: [Free Access](#)

*Nitipong Pichetpan and Mark W. Post*

**Bare classifier phrases in Thai and other mainland Asian languages: implications for classifier theory and typology**

*Page range: 461-506*

*Bonnie McLean*

**Revising an implicational hierarchy for the meanings of ideophones, with special reference to Japonic**

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*Pui Yiu Szeto and Chingduang Yurayong*

**Sinitic as a typological sandwich: revisiting the notions of Altaicization and Taicization**

*Page range: 551-599*

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*Kelsey C. Neely*

**Zariquiey, Roberto: *A Grammar of Kakataibo*. [Mouton Grammar Library 75]**

*Page range: 601-605*

*Joshua Bousquette*

**Polinsky, Maria: *Heritage languages and their speakers* [Cambridge Studies in Linguistics 159]**

*Page range: 607-619*

*Stefano Manfredi*

**Yakpo, Kofi: *A grammar of Pichi*. [Studies in Diversity Linguistics]**

*Page range: 621-630*

*Peter Arkadiev*

**Sonia Cristofaro and Fernando Zúñiga. *Typological hierarchies in synchrony and diachrony* Page range: 631-640**



### 3 Conferences

#### 3.1 International Workshop Series *Emerging Topics in Typology*

The online conference *Emerging Topics in Typology*, which ran between 25 October and 22 November brought together 286 registered participants and featured 32 talks and five thematic sessions. The talks were delivered by current PhD scholars, who often presented their work to a specialised typological audience for the first time and who were mentored by experienced typologists. The thematic sessions included discussions about Open Access publishing, advice on how to improve your chances of meeting the employment criteria for an academic position in typology, linguistic fieldwork during and after Covid-19, publishing in typology (with a special focus on the journal *Linguistic Typology*), and a session on quantificational methods. The ETT served as a showcase for emerging typological research as well as an opportunity for presenters to strengthen their international presentation experience, and for constructive, collegial exchange. The schedule and abstracts of the conference remain available on the ETT-website: <https://www2.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/emerging-topics-in-typology>.

The organisers wish to thank the presenters and, especially, the chairs and reviewers who generously donated their time and expertise, as well as the audience for creating a sense of community in socially distanced times and for participating in vivid discussions. Although the ETT was intended as a one-off event to meet the particular challenges of the current pandemic, several participants suggested during the closing session that because of its accessibility, focus and format, it could add value to the range of meetings in linguistic typology if it were repeated on a future occasion.



### 3.2 *ALT XIV*

The 14th International Conference of the Association for Linguistic Typology will be held at the University of Texas at Austin, USA, on 15-17 December (Thursday-Saturday), 2022. Linguistics is a vibrant field at UT and spans multiple departments and research centers. UT's main campus is located in downtown Austin, in a convenient location for public, private and foot transportation. Austin itself is well known for its music and nightlife, and is accessible via an international airport. The campus is easy to navigate, with the Tower at its center, and is lush and green year-round. We will hold the conference in December – a very comfortable time of year here with plenty of sunshine and daytime temperatures averaging around 17 degrees Celsius. We look forward to welcoming you in Austin next year!

The conference website can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/alt2022/home>. Information will be added as it becomes available. Please send correspondence to [alt2022@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:alt2022@austin.utexas.edu).

#### TIMELINE AND DEADLINES

- Workshops
  - Call for workshops announced: **Oct 15, 2021**
  - Deadline workshop proposals: **Dec 15, 2021**
  - Workshop acceptance notification: **Jan 15, 2022**
  
- General session
  - General call for papers announced: **Jan 20, 2022**
  - General abstract deadline: **April 1, 2022**
  - Abstract acceptance notification: **June 1, 2022**



### *3.3 Update on ALT XV*

Following the established order to alternate ALT conference sites between Europe, North America and Elsewhere, we are delighted to announce that in 2024, ALT XV will be hosted at Beijing Normal University, China. The proposal submitted by Randy LaPolla was found very strong in all areas that concern a conference organization: excellent venue, well positioned geographically, with feasible transportation options, impressive facilities in terms of equipment, organization potential and lodging. A note by the organizers in 2024 follows below.

**Randy LaPolla** on behalf of the ALT XV local organizing committee

We would like to welcome everyone to come to Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai for ALT XV in 2024! Beijing Normal University at Zhuhai is one of the two campuses of Beijing Normal University, one of the top universities in China for Linguistics. It is located just across the bridge from Hong Kong in Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province, China, a scenic spot in the Pearl River Delta area. Zhuhai is just a bus, ferry, or cab ride from Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen, or Guangzhou, and if you come through one of those places you can do some sightseeing there as well. If you come over from inside China there is Zhuhai Jinwan Airport, and a high-speed rail station just across from the University. The campus is new and very modern, and also known for its natural beauty, as it is surrounded by mountains and dotted with lakes and ponds and forested areas, and with various streams running through it, so the campus is like a huge garden. We plan to hold the conference in the early (northern) Autumn, when the weather is the nicest here, with cool sunny days.

The accommodations and conference venues (and child care) will all be on campus, with electric shuttle buses for moving around campus (though I usually walk, as it is such a pleasure to walk around this campus). Just outside campus there are public buses and there is extremely easy access to inexpensive services similar to Uber and taxis for those who wish to organise their own sightseeing, but we will also organise sightseeing and cultural activities. We will do our best to make sure the conference is a big success and everyone has a fruitful and enjoyable time here!



## 4 ALT Awards

### 4.1 *The Greenberg Award*

**Eva van Lier** reports on the Greenberg Award.

The Greenberg Award 2022 committee is pleased to announce that they have received eight submissions. These impressive theses together span a wide range of linguistic phenomena, such as voice, phonological complexity, creoles, sound change, wordhood, articles, grammaticalization, constituent order, tone, and compounding. These topics are researched in languages all over the world, and using a variety of qualitative, quantitative, experimental, and computational methodologies.

The jury consist of the following members: Jenny Audring (Leiden University), Bert Cornillie (KU Leuven), Adam Ross Tallman (Friedrich Schiller University Jena), and Alena Witzlack-Makarevich (Hebrew University of Jerusalem); chaired by Eva van Lier (University of Amsterdam).

The committee will come to a first ranking of the submissions by mid-December and will round off their evaluation process in January 2022. It is expected that by early February we can announce the official winner, who will give a keynote speech at ALT XIV, hosted by the University of Texas at Austin.

### 4.2 *The Georg von der Gabelentz Award*

**Juha Janhunen** reports on the The Georg von der Gabelentz Award

The Georg von der Gabelentz Award committee is pleased to announce that they have received fifteen submissions to the competition for best published grammar. Most of them highlight hitherto understudied languages; the grammars have been published by Brill, Language Science Press and De Gruyter Mouton.

The Award Committee consists of Adams Bodomo (Vienna), Scott DeLancey (Eugene OR), Ekaterina Gruzdeva (Helsinki), Katharina Haude (Paris), Kristine Hildebrandt (Edwardsville IL), Juha Janhunen (Helsinki, chair), Françoise Rose (Lyon), Yakov Testeletz (Moscow), Nicolas Tournadre (Marseille), Yvonne Treis (Paris). Most members will read 3 grammars, though some will only read 2. Each grammar will be read by two panel members. The panel members will evaluate the grammars they read for 10 parameters, with each parameter graded from 0 to 5, so that the maximum total score of any grammar will be 100 from the two readers taken together. We hope that this first round, to be finished by January 31, will give us a reasonably small short-list, after which the final winner will be selected collectively by March 31.