

## **From the editors**

Dear Readers,

This issue features articles on a wide range of current topics: academic writing, online resources, the comprehensibility of non-native teaching assistants, humor in ELT, “publish or perish” and World Englishes.

In the previous issue, we briefly discussed the “impact factor” and how it is misused and misinterpreted. Now, in this issue, we have an article on a related concern, “*Exploring the SSCI Phenomenon within the Publish or Perish Principle for Non-native English-speaking ELT Professionals*” by Fan-Wei Kung that further delves into these issues that strongly affect our professional life and direction.

We are pleased to announce a new edition of *Harmony of Babel: Profiles of Famous Polyglots*, by Kató Lomb (264 pages, pdf only), edited by Scott Alkire. This edition features 20% new content, including an Editor’s Preface discussing the value of polyglots for SLA research and the transcript of an interview Dr. Lomb did for Hungarian TV in 1974. Read more about it and download your free copy from our Books Page.

For those considering a submission to TESL-EJ, we strongly recommend that you review our “Submission Procedures” with revised guidelines on what the editors consider suitable content for our journal.

We thank our new Media Review editorial team for getting up to speed so quickly. Their first effort, on “WordSift”, is featured in this issue. Please consider contributing a software/app review via [media@tesl-ej.org](mailto:media@tesl-ej.org).

We all look forward to the forthcoming November issue which will feature the first installment of our special issue on “Second Language Teacher Education” as well as another great selection of feature articles, book and media reviews.

Best,

Thomas Robb, Editor, for the TESL-EJ Team