

Editorial Foreword Revisited

This third issue of *LiBRI* (*Linguistic and Literary Broad Research and Innovation*) is the materialization of the on-going efforts of two academics, Ioan-Lucian Popa and Bogdan Patrut (“Vasile Alecsandri” University of Bacau, Romania), of the scientific advisors, and of the former and the current standing editorial team. It is an online, scholarly, peer-reviewed, international journal for specialists in linguistics, literature, cultural studies, and related fields. The papers we expect from our contributors should be original unpublished papers, written in English or French. Initially, *LiBRI* was projected to be published twice a year in 2010 and three times a year as of 2011, with provision for one special edition; practice has shown that a more realistic objective will be two issues per year, one in June and one in December.

Our goal is to explore or survey the existing worlds of ideas and to chart new territories. We aim at linking with centres of excellence all over the world with the objective of offering authoritative coverage and references in focused and specialist humanistic disciplines and domains. Our ambition is to encourage and support innovative thinking and also to become an important part of the landscape of academic publishing.

We also aspire to make *LiBRI* a venue that allows emerging as well as well established scholars to publish and compare their work and to establish collaboration relationships in the process. These are the words in the initial editorial foreword and to be consistent with them we have decided that in 2012 and 2013 the two regular bi-annual issues should each focus on a special topic. The topics for the coming years are the following:

- 2012 – vol. 3, issue 1 - Trends in Translation Studies;
- 2012 – vol. 3, issue 2 - ICT and Language Learning;
- 2013 – vol. 4, issue 1 - Breakthroughs in Bilingual Lexicography;
- 2013 – vol. 4, issue 2 - Englishes.

As one of the critical objectives of *LiBRI*'s mission statement is to provide highly relevant information. *LiBRI* have implemented a rigorous peer review process to ensure the high quality of its material. With regard to the policies and procedures, all scientific papers and communications published in *LiBRI* shall first be reviewed by a referee chosen by the author of the article who will use the special form (see: www.edusoft.ro/libri/paper_evaluation_form.doc)

The completed form will be sent in electronic format and then as a hard copy to the postal address of *LiBRI* (Romania, 600065 Bacau, 9 Mai, 82, C/13). Then, at least two referees who are competent and have experience in the area of the subject matter of the paper will perform the blind review. Referees are formal reviewers whose comments and opinions will form the basis upon which the Editor-in-Chief will decide whether to

publish the paper, and with what changes. *LiBRI* requires that referees treat the contents of papers under review as privileged information, not to be disclosed to others before publication. The referees are protected from personal interactions with the author by withholding their names. The Editors' decision is always based on all the reviews received, but mixed reviews present the need for the implementation of editorial judgment. Thus, the final decision for acceptance or rejection lies with the Editor-in-Chief, at the advice of the Editorial Board.

The review process shall ensure that all authors have equal opportunity for publication of their papers. For the time being, this journal provides immediate open access to its content on the principle that making research freely available to the public supports a greater global exchange of knowledge. Alongside our regular editions, *LiBRI* will publish special editions focusing on a particular theme relevant to one of the areas of interest mentioned above.

We will also devote our efforts for the integration of *LiBRI* into journal directories with a view to enhance the exposure of our journal and consequently that of the scholars that contribute articles. By implementing our strict policy of quality assurance, we aim at increasing the international circulation of our journal.

A turning point in our activity will be the moment when articles and authors of further issues of *LiBRI* are cited by authors around the world.

We have also kept in mind one important aspect, that of standardization. In the *Author Guidelines*, we have assembled a series of requirements that are aligned to the practice of numerous other scholarly journals and that will ensure the quality of the presentation of the scientific content of the articles.

We would like to reiterate our warmest thanks to the members of our Scientific Advisory Team for their support and dedication that has made *LiBRI* what it is today.

Ioan-Lucian Popa