

Editor's Notes

It is my pleasure and honour to welcome you to the 2010–2011 issue (Volume 18) of the *Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies* as the new Editor of the Journal. We had a good response to the call for papers last year and this issue publishes five of the papers – all of which were written based on good-quality Undergraduate and Postgraduate research projects and three of them – Foley, Gibbon, & Peppé; O'Connor & Gibbon; O'Loughlin, Carroll, & Caulfield, were presented at the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT) Biennial Conference held on November 24–25, 2011, in Dublin. The papers in this issue cover a variety of topics: effect of speaker accent on sentence comprehension (Claire O'Connor & Fiona Gibbon), assessments of prosody (Foley et al.) and language skills in children (Adeline Quinn, Margaret Leahy, & Kathleen McTiernan), early intervention programme for children with Down Syndrome (Claire O'Loughlin et al.), as well as human rights and the Deaf Community in Ireland (Avril Mullane, John Conama, & Robert Fourie). This indicates the wide span of research interests of our students!

As for the Journal, we have set new goals for its development. We are now working with a publisher – J&R Press – to ensure regular publication each year and online subscription of back and current issues for readers who are non-members of the IASLT. By allowing researchers in the field around the world to have access to the articles published in the Journal, we hope that this will raise the profile of the Journal.

Finally, I would like to thank all the authors who have submitted their work to the Journal, the members on the Advisory Editorial Board for their support and advice, and the reviewers who have kindly reviewed the submissions for us.

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