

## FOREWORD

Both issues of the volume (vol. 21, issue 1 and vol. 21, issue 2) of *Türk Dilleri Araştırmaları* that you have in your hands include the papers of two earlier meetings held jointly with Orient-Institut İstanbul at Yıldız Technical University.

The first of those meetings named *Symposium on Anatolia - Melting Pot of Languages* (27-29 May 2005) was organized by C. Schönig, J. Gippert and M. Ölmez with the support of Goethe University Frankfurt. At the three-day meeting, C. Schönig, J. Janhunen, J. Gippert, J.R. Perry, U. Bläsing, R.P. Ritter, M. Kropp, O. Jastrow, M. Erdal, A. Lubotsky, E. Helimski, A. Vovin, Á. Berta, M. Stachowski, M. Ölmez, N. Kurpeshko, N. Shirobokova, S. Tezcan, F. Kırıl and Z. Ölmez presented their papers.

The second meeting named *Vom Altürkischen zum Deutschlandtürkischen. Die Sprachgeschichte des Oghusischen* (From Old Turkic to Germany Turkish. Language history of Oghuz) was held from 24 to 26 November 2006. K. Röhrborn, P. Zieme, J.P. Laut, M. Ölmez, S. Tezcan, F. Kırıl, S. Bosnalı, M. Erdal, A. Semet, M. Kappler, U. Bläsing, E. Sezer, Ş. Özer, M. Tekcan, A. Merhan, A. Ata, A. N. Waibel, A. Dwyer and A. Menz attended the meeting with their papers.

The papers that were presented at both meetings and received by the organization committee were edited by F. Kırıl and A. Menz and hereby presented to the readers with new edits made by the management board of the journal.

We would like to express our thanks to C. Schönig, J. Gippert, F. Kırıl and A. Menz for their contributions to the meetings and compiling of papers for editing.

Á. Berta and E. Helimski, our colleagues and friends who attended the meetings, unexpectedly passed away. We bow respectfully before their memory.

*Türk Dilleri Araştırmaları* which began its publication life with a small group at Hacettepe University has been published since 1991 with academic purposes but with an amateur spirit, with love for the Turkish language, with contributions of our colleagues as authors and without any support of any corporation or institution. After the journal was first published under the chairmanship of T. Tekin, the editorial board received the support of D. Aksan, M. Canpolat and K. İmer. The journal, which has continued its life so far with the support of distinguished Turcologists outside of Turkey, will be published semiannually as a refereed journal and managed from Göttingen and Istanbul under the editorship of J. P. Laut and M. Ölmez as of 2011.

We bow respectfully before the memory of L. Bazin, G. Doerfer, M. Mori, Geng Shimin, A. M. Shcherbak, Ş. Tekin, A. Tietze who have made a great effort for the journal.

*Türk Dilleri Araştırmaları*, which has published some special issues and anniversary volumes so far, will continue its publication life in the same manner from now onwards.

*kutlug bolzun!*

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