

THREE DECADES OF STUDIA SLAVICA SAVARIENSIA

The first volume of *Studia Slavica Savariensia* was published in 1992. The themes of the publications were very varied. They covered a wide range of fields in linguistics and literary history. Although the first volumes contained multilingual articles, the later ones, aimed at an international readership, were mainly in English and German, and not in Slavic.

The topics were also determined by whether the book was a mixed-content volume or it contained papers presented at an international academic conference. Occasionally, there were also issues celebrating jubilant Slavists associated with the Szombathely Department. The studies were followed by book reviews in several publications.

At one time the volumes were dominated by papers in Russian and on Russian topics. In addition, the respective authors paid particular attention to the southern Slavic languages and cultures. The latter is understandable, since the original Russian profile of the department was extended first to include Slovene/ethnic Slovene and later to Croatian/ethnic Croatian. In addition, direct international links were established with neighbouring Slovenian and Croatian areas due to the geographical proximity of Szombathely.

„He launched the journal *Studia Slavica Savariensia*, which has gained considerable prestige, especially in the Southern Slavic language area, but more importantly, it has provided a peer-reviewed journal for early career researchers, doctoral students and young colleagues.” – This is how Károly Gadányi, who launched the journal and was also its editor for a long time, was praised on its round anniversary by István Nyomárkai, the then director of Slavistics in Budapest. As a peer-reviewed journal, the publication has a DOI number, which favours authors, especially early career authors, who aspire to international recognition.

However, the launch of this journal in the Szombathely higher education institution was not unique. “Since the early 1990s, there has been a change in this respect at the College. The demand for departmental, so-called subject-specific publications increased”, János Pusztay wrote about this turning point. However, we considered it essential that these publications should not be peripheral, provincial publications in which the faculty members of a given department could publish their papers and writings that might not be placed elsewhere, formally fulfilling the requirements for academic work. On the contrary, departments should design series with profiles that are not represented elsewhere and for which they can attract national and international representatives of the discipline.”

In addition to their publications, the departmental lecturers regularly contributed to the editing and publishing of the departmental periodical.

After a few years of absence, the current volume of is also a tribute to the jubilee year of 2022. The new edition of the journal will bear the title “NYELVÉSZETI ÉS IRODALMI FOLYÓIRAT / JOURNAL OF LINGVISTICS AND LITERARY SCIENCES / ČASOPIS ZA JEZIKOSLOVJE IN LITERARNE VEDE / REVIJA JEZIČNIH I KNJIŽEVNIH STUDIJA / LINGVISTIKI I LITERATUROVEDENIJA ЖУРНАЛ ЛИНВИГВИСТИКИ И ЛИТЕРАТУРОВЕДЕНИЯ”. In addition to the staff of the now „emaciated” department, authors from the immediate circle of the department have come forward with new studies, which provide a narrow insight into the current interests of Central and Southern European Slavists, which, certainly not only due to the editor’s interests, are primarily cultural studies. In addition to the original (Slavic) language of the studies, English summaries and keywords help the reader to orientate in other languages.

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The Editor