



Dear ARLE members,

As this ARLE Summer newsletter is written end of July 2020, the covid-19 pandemic is still spreading in uneven and, in some regions, disturbing ways, while other regions have been able to get it under control. We hope that you take care out there, have somehow learned to live with it, and that you carry on with important L1 research.

As you know, ARLE had to cancel all SIG events this year and postpone the next ARLE conference in 2021 in Melbourne until the following year. Nonetheless, we find it important to keep momentum by considering how we can all contribute to the maintenance and further development of the research community. In this newsletter, we would like to point towards two opportunities:

- Organizing SIG and other events, face to face and/or online
- Publishing your research in the L1 journal, which has recently advanced in the Scopus system.

Organize SIG and other events

We encourage Special Interest Groups coordinators and other members to take initiatives to organize SIG symposia and other types of events during 2021. Such events could be organized as regional events and/or as online or semi-online events. New creative approaches and formats are emerging that allows for continued collaboration. The ARLE Board would like to offer its assistance in your planning of an event. Please contact ARLE Vice-chair Xavier Fontich (Xavier.Fontich@uab.cat) or Chair Nikolaj Elf (nfe@sdu.dk). Xavier is the ARLE SIG Portfolio holder and would be happy to assist if you are interested in help or inspiration for organizing

the SIG event. Note also that it is an option to apply for limited funding from ARLE for organizing an event. Read more [here](#) and send an application to ARLE Treasurer Yael Poyas (yael_p@oranim.ac.il).

The L1 journal advancing on Scopus

Another way of keeping the momentum of ARLE research, is, of course, to publish in the ARLE affiliated journal *L1 – Educational Studies in Language and Literature*.

We are very happy to share the news that according to the most recent data from the Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) powered by Scopus, *L1* has achieved the Q1 ranking for both 'Language & Linguistics' (in Social Sciences) and 'Linguistics and Language' (in Humanities), thus achieving the same ranking as for 'Literature and literary theory in recent years' (see [here](#)). This is an important step forward in the acknowledgement of ARLE research and an additional incentive to publish in the journal. Furthermore, we are all invited to improve our current position in Education, which is currently ranked Q3 (which is not surprising considering the specialized focus of *L1*).

In recent months, several special issues have been published in *L1*, including a special issue on literature education interventions and one on *L1* from a learning materials perspective. The *L1* platform also generates a list of [the 10 most downloaded papers](#) within a certain period.

If you go to the [L1 website](#)], you will be able to get access to the archive and, read about forthcoming issues and guidelines on how to submit and other interesting stuff.

Also, be notified that *L1* always welcomes additional assistance for producing the journal. This includes becoming a reviewer, helping with formatting etc.

Share, register and change data

Feel free to share and forward this newsletter with colleagues whom you consider would be interested in ARLE and *L1* research but are currently not members. All *L1* scholars can register as ARLE members and affiliate

with ARLE SIGs on the [ARLE platform](#) from which they will then receive targeted newsletters.

Also, members can change their data, e.g. if you have changed workplace and email. It is important for us to keep an updated database of members.

Currently, ARLE has more than 2000 members from 70 countries. We hope to expand and become an even wider research community.

Enjoy the summer (in the Northern hemisphere) and your vacation, if you still have any left.

Kind regards,

On behalf of the ARLE Board

Nikolaj Elf, Chair of ARLE

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