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Editorial

This is the first issue of *International Journal of English Studies (IJES)* which the new Editorial Committee has edited since taking on responsibility for the Journal early this year. We would first of all like to thank the previous General Editor, Dr. Pascual Cantos, for his help in the transition and also pay tribute to him for his splendid work and outstanding management of the Journal. We hope to maintain the high standards he reached and maintained. We would also like to extend our thanks to all former members of the Editorial Committee who collaborated with him.

Any change in editorship of a journal will involve some change in editorial policy and in the journal itself. Changes, however, are reduced to a minimum. The main sections of *IJES* will be maintained, as readers will easily notice. We shall centre our efforts on the indexation of *IJES* in the major Bibliographical Databases (*IJES* is currently indexed in 24 databases). This endeavour, already noticeable in the last issues, will have a significant effect on the quality of *IJES*, on its reliability as an international academic journal and on its international character.

Our journal is already present in several databases, and what is more important and useful, it can be downloaded in its electronic format on various sites (Dialnet, Open Journal System). We shall reinforce that policy of free accessibility and availability. In this respect, the preceding Editorial Committee has accomplished a remarkable feat. Future plans for our Journal include a most significant change regarding its foundational nature. *IJES* will be published from 2012 onwards alternatively as a monograph issue and as an open-topic issue, twice a year. The monograph issue will keep the same features and structure it has at present, whereas the open-topic issue will cope with relevant contributions in the field of *English Studies*, that is, English Language and Linguistics, English Applied Linguistics, English Corpus Linguistics, Literature in English and Cultural Studies in the English Speaking Context. Contributions worldwide will be welcome for evaluation. The editorial policy regarding acceptance of proposals for publication will remain the same: *IJES* will peer-review all proposals and will only accept for publication outstanding academic papers in the field.

We are fully committed to the implementation of the new goals we have set out to achieve, or attempt to achieve, in the coming years. We are confident that with the help of our committee, contributors, referees, reviewers and readers, we will be able to maintain the standard *IJES* has already gained and move forward to new and challenging frontiers.

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