

EDITORS' NOTE

This volume of the *Journal of Clinical Speech and Language Studies* is special in many ways, marking as it does the tenth anniversary of collaboration between the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists and the School of Clinical Speech and Language Studies in developing a professional journal. The success of the venture is due in no small part to the vision and commitment of Margaret Leahy, our first editor, who has nurtured and supported the project throughout its development. The timing of the publication of the journal struck us as particularly important this year, as we move into a new century, facing an increasing range of professional and educational challenges. In planning this volume, we decided to focus on this important transition by asking graduating therapists to contribute to the journal, as they enter the workforce as the therapists of the new millennium. The papers presented in this volume are all based on the dissertations submitted by the authors as part of their final year of study. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed. Agreeing to face back into rewriting a dissertation within the first few weeks of freedom from academia is in many ways astonishing. We recognise and appreciate the work, motivation and enthusiasm shown by the authors in taking on this task. It augurs well for the future development of the profession! We would also like to thank the reviewers whose voluntary and often thankless work is what makes publication of a journal possible. Finally, we extend a word of thanks to all those who have contributed to the journal over the last decade, whether through submitting papers, reviewing books, acting as referees or on the Editorial Board. No volume of this journal would ever have reached the stage of going to print, if it were not for the hard work and patience of the Editorial Assistants, Noreen Coyle, who has been directly involved from the inception of the project, and all our other assistants, including Michelle Fanning, Clodagh Fitzpatrick, Maura Reynolds, Gillian Long and Lisa Milis. Each volume of the journal represents a great deal of work from a large number of people. Each contribution makes the long term success of the project more likely. As we look into the new century and plan for the future, we hope that the journal will continue to go from strength to strength and will remind us of the wisdom of the sean fhocal *Ní neart go cur le chéile*.

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