

## **Introduction to the First Issue** **of the *Polish Journal of English Studies***

On behalf of the Board of the Polish Association for the Study of English (a branch of the European Society for the Study of English), myself and that of the co-editors, Jacek Fabiszak and Krzysztof Fordoński, I am delighted to present the first issue of the *Polish Journal of English Studies*. The Polish Association for the Study of English was founded twenty-five years ago and the inaugural issue contributes meaningfully to this anniversary. During these twenty-five years the Association has been involved in diverse academic activities, organising conferences, seminars, workshops, and discussion panels. PASE has sponsored the publishing of monographs through university and commercial publishers and initiated the series we remember as *Pase Papers*. The Journal has been nearly two years in the making – a perilous journey which led to the joint editorship of our two colleagues from Poznań and Warsaw. In spite of its difficult beginnings, involving editorial changes and heated discussions on the aesthetic aspects of the publication, the *Polish Journal of English Studies* appears as a natural outgrowth of members' regular annual meetings that commonly attract over 100 participants and yield a plethora of publications every year.

The Board of the Polish Association for the Study of English decided that the journal should be published as an open-access online journal and accept a wide spectrum of articles on literature in English, culture and area studies as well as theoretical and applied linguistics. Articles should come from both members and non-members of the Association. In addition to standard articles, the journal will offer space for “area reviews”, book reviews and conference reports. Furthermore, the Board felt that we should accept a friendly and widely used publication system instead of developing our own format.

The inaugural issue of the bi-annual consists of papers in the areas of literature in English, culture and interdisciplinary studies. This issue owes much to many people. Thanks are due first to the members of the Board of our Association, where the idea originated and who made decisions both on funding and on the general shape of the Journal by providing valuable insights in the initial period of discussions. The Polish Association for the Study of English remains the founder and patron of the Journal. Thanks

are also due to the members of the Editorial Board, notably to Prof. dr hab. Jadwiga Uchman, who offered her experience and expertise in the processing of the first issue. Thanks go to the anonymous reviewers who, for obvious reasons, cannot be addressed by their names. On behalf of the PASE Board, thanks go to Weronika Szemińska (Managing Editor) and Łukasz Karpiński (Technical Editor) for their professional efficiency in processing the first issue.

Most of all, thanks are due to the chief co-editors, Krzysztof Fordoński and Jacek Fabiszak, who have generously given their time and made the project happen. Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, The Polish Association for the Study of English is a mature organization and it is also a thriving intellectual community. On behalf of the Board I would like to express the hope that the *Polish Journal of English Studies* will offer a platform for both the Polish and the European academic community.

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