

## Editorial

“HERMES is to be a forum of research in Language for Specific Purposes in Denmark, but it also aims at being a forum of modern research in linguistics in general. The target group of the journal comprises everyone who is concerned with language and linguistic science in Denmark and the other Scandinavian countries.” This was the stated aim of the journal when the first issue was presented. For this reason, it contained articles in Danish only, and, at the same time, it was of itself an attempt to retain and promote Danish as a scientific language.

However, it was also the intention of the journal to contribute to international scientific discussion, and Danish represents the language of only a relatively small population. This dilemma, which confronts all minor languages, necessitates a choice: either one keeps Danish as the language of publication, with all the limitations this involves, or one publishes more articles in major languages.

Looking back at the first five issues, it is evident that a certain change has taken place; contributions in languages other than Danish have steadily increased in number. This trend accords with a recent decision of the editorial board to seek a larger, more international readership.

The structure of the journal will remain unchanged. HERMES will in the future still contain four sections:

1. **Synspunkt** (Viewpoint) will continue to publish contributions to debates in Danish research politics and will, of course, continue to be in Danish.
2. **Artikler** (Articles), the scientific contributions to the journal as such, will be written primarily in English, French, or German, but we do not want to exclude articles in Danish or other Scandinavian languages, if this is “natural” to the subject.
3. **Forum** will continue to inform readers of research projects and bring responses to previous contributions.
4. **Anmeldelser** (Reviews) of relevant specialist literature will - like the contributions to Forum - appear in the language in which they are most naturally formulated.

It is our belief that, in this way, HERMES will be able to contribute to international scientific discussions without losing its importance as a forum of linguistic research in Denmark.

