

## “Diacronia”

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*“We are not here concerned with hopes or fears,  
only with truth as far as our reason permits us to discover it.”*  
(Charles Darwin)

OUR goal has been to offer our readers a complex journal that delves into concerns of domains beyond Philology and Linguistics, particularly from a diachronic perspective, all at the highest possible level – which we endeavoured to maintain and raise. Today we find ourselves at the end of this path, which we forged and walked upon with no small measure of struggle. Adversity and hard labour were unavoidable, for we understand that nothing good comes otherwise – hence we shall not go into the price of our enterprise. At this point in time and place, however, it is suitable to note the factors that made all the energy fueling this process worth devoting to that purpose.

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The journal “Diacronia” has relentlessly focused on quality, both in terms of the construction, presentation and operation of the software behind it all, and of the communication protocols amongst our editors, authors, referees, and readers. This complex system existed and functioned in the way it has due to one person to whom we can never be grateful enough. Fortunately, this entire effort has not been carried out for praise or rewards, but – as all durable, first-rate results are achieved – through pure good will, with the utmost generosity, ultimately rooted in the profound understanding of the sacrifices demanded by the process of science communication.

We express our sheer gratefulness to the authors of “Diacronia”, who placed their trust in us by sharing the fruits of their intellectual labour and giving us the opportunity to publish them, thereby engendering all the qualitative attributes that have come to define the Journal. The latter owes what it has become to the level at which our friends – colleagues and PhD students – have carried out their scientific activity and presented its results, in the form of the texts that now constitute the Journal.

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At the end of this labour, tired from our work but content with the work of the authors, we thank both those who encouraged us and those who hesitated, for the tension between these two aspects produces both the force and the caution necessary for such a venture.

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*“Οπερ ἔδει ποιῆσαι ■*

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