

RASK
A NEW INTERNATIONAL
JOURNAL OF LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION

When the Humanities Faculty at Odense University was reorganized in 1991, an Institute of Language and Communication was established incorporating language teachers and researchers from the various language departments of the Faculty and with a total academic staff of more than 50. Inevitably, this reorganization encouraged cross-disciplinary activities and created a need for new research publication channels. In 1993 the Institute Research Publications Committee (IRPC) consequently recommended the initiation of a new international journal which was to cater for all research interests represented in the Institute, and which was to publish high-quality scholarly works on language and communication irrespective of length. The proposal was met with approval and support not only locally but also by colleagues approached elsewhere in Scandinavia and further abroad. The present issue of the journal, with its long and short articles and reviews, is the immediate result of the Committee's deliberations, but it is the intention to establish also a RASK Supplement Series for monographs, etc. in the not too distant future. For 1995 there are already firm plans for publishing another two regular volumes of RASK, one issue containing submissions on, e.g., modals and adverbs in English contrasted with Romanian; the antonomasia of proper names; the phonetics of standard British pronunciation (in addition to a number of reviews), and another presenting the papers read at *The First Rasmus Rask Colloquium* held at Odense in November 1992 (the theme of the conference was 'Form and Function of Language'). In the course of 1995 new editors will be appointed to replace the IRPC, whose responsibility it has been to start this journal.

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