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“There seems to be a common assumption that categorization is categorization is categorization.”
(Mandler, 2000: 6)

At least one thing has become crystal clear to me over the past five years and that is that nothing ‘is’ – in the sense of undeniable and ever-true. And this does not change even if you invest a lot of time and effort in figuring out exactly what the thing is. This is certainly true of categorization, and investigating the acquisition of categories. Although this project was frustrating at many times, I am extremely grateful to the people who helped me in realizing this. Important roles were played in this process by Jan Don and Elma Blom. My thanks and admiration for you is all the greater because of the boundless energy that you give to science. Jan, the time you have invested in this project is unequalled; thank you for all our discussions, which drove me to perform to the extreme. I will always remember your topsport metaphor.

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