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# Foreword

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We are happy to present a new volume of *Linguistics in the Netherlands*, a collection of internationally peer-reviewed articles presenting current linguistic research. This volume is based on the 52nd annual conference of the Linguistics Society of the Netherlands (AVT), convened on January 29, 2021. The meeting, which took place online, featured 49 contributions in 4 parallel tracks, with keynotes by Prof. Martina Wiltschko (ICREA, Barcelona) and Prof. Rebecca Clift (University of York).

Following the conference we received 14 submissions, of which we were able to accept 8 for publication in the present volume (with four more being invited to resubmit for the next volume). The volume also contains two papers presented at the 2020 conference. We thank the nearly 30 reviewers who – despite an ongoing global pandemic – were able to provide us with their expert judgments in a timely manner. Covering topics from island violations to adverbial superlatives and from free indirect discourse to ‘between’ in Biblical Hebrew, the volume mirrors the diversity of work presented at the conference.

A recurring theme at editorial meetings as well as board meetings of the AVT is how to increase the openness and availability of the publicly funded research entrusted to us for dissemination. One editorial decision we made this year was to invite revisions with the explicit recommendation that the materials underlying the study be made openly and durably available. Following this initiative, we are happy to report that all of the empirical and experimental studies in this issue build on open data and/or are accompanied by open materials, data and analysis code.

## Pieter Muysken

The year 2021 was also the year in which we lost a giant of linguistics and one of the most influential forces for good in Dutch linguistics of the last half century: Pieter Muysken (April 11, 1950 – April 6, 2021). Pieter was unique in his ability to

bridge disparate subfields of linguistics and unite people in pursuit of fundamental questions about language in all its aspects. In a recent retrospective for *Linguistics in the Netherlands*, he described how he saw the nature of linguistics change over the course of his career: “it is not so much theory versus description, as in the last decades of the previous century, but a constant interaction between data sets and models accounting for them in all kinds of frameworks” (Muysken 2019: 40). He was of course too modest to note his own contributions to this development, but his role in fostering productive exchange across many linguistic subfields and orientations to language cannot be underestimated.

Fitting Pieter’s multifaceted legacy, obituaries have already started to appear in many places (Hinskens & Smith 2021; Muntendam 2021; Clahsen 2021). From the perspective of *Linguistics in the Netherlands* and the *Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap* we count ourselves lucky to have had such a giant in our midst: a constant presence at the annual meetings, a timely and trusty reviewer for the journal, and above all, an incredible ally to early career researchers of all stripes. Pieter Muysken truly made Dutch linguistics a better place.

We are happy to announce that the 2022 Annual Linguistics Day will feature a session devoted to Pieter’s enduring legacy, in the spirit of his remarkable ability to foster connections across the language sciences.

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