

PREFACE

The publication of this issue coincided with the anniversary of Professor Valery Iovenko, Doctor of Philology, the editor-in-chief of the journal *Linguistics & Polyglot Studies* and a well-known expert in the field of Spanish and translation studies. We sincerely congratulate our highly respected Dr Iovenko and wish him new creative ideas and many achievements ahead!

The previous year, 2022, marked the centenary of the birth of Yuri Knorozov, the decipherer of the Mayan script, and the bicentenary of the decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphs by Jean-François Champollion. These symbolic dates encourage linguists to pay special attention to the study of both ancient and modern writing systems. On the part of our journal, this became the reason for organizing the 3rd International Seminar on Linguistics and Polyglot Studies in December last year.

In light of this, the present special issue focuses on the psychological and sociological aspects of language perception and learning in the context of polyglottery; on the writing and counting systems of the indigenous peoples of Mexico, Nepal and other regions of the world; and on the trends observed in texts at the intersection of oral and written language (political speeches, journalism, cinema) in Italian, English and Turkish.

The current year, 2023, marks the 10th anniversary of modern polyglot studies (since the first Polyglot Conference in Budapest and the first academic conference on polyglottery in New York in 2013). Invaluable help in the development of this research field at the beginning of the journey was provided by the Secretary of the American Society of Geolinguistics, Dr Wayne Fink, who passed away on March 16 of this year. This volume is a tribute to his memory.

Editors