

Editorial Note from Keir Hansford (Editor retired, now Consulting Editor)

I am very happy to announce that the Board of WALS meeting in August has just appointed a new Editor, namely Professor Dr Adams Bodomo, together with four Assistant Editors Professor Philip N.M Mutaka, Professor Akin Akinlabi, Professor Felix Ameka and Professor Flavien Gbeto. In Issue 41.2 of 2014 I announced my retirement as Editor after 16 years on seat, as from 31st December 2014. In anticipation of my retirement, Professor Pius Tamanji agreed to be Acting Editor, and took over all new submissions, but tragically died prematurely in November 2014. Immediately Professor Mutaka, who had been Assistant Editor since 2000, took over those submissions, and the role of Acting Editor, and successfully brought some of these to be ready for publication. He is still valiantly doing this task, and doubtless will continue it till the new Editor can take over. I am happy that he will continue as Assistant Editor along with the new additions.

In the Editorial of 41.2 I recorded my sincere thanks to various people who have helped to keep JWAL going. I need not repeat the list. But deserving of special mention again is Professor Mutaka.

I also wish to record my sincere thanks to our Business Manager/Webmaster Dr Richard Gravina, who has guided and dealt with the financial side of the journal, since since 2007. At my request Mr Eddie Arthur set up the website for JWAL, but it is Dr Gravina who has single-handedly posted onto the website all issues of JWAL from the beginning, including all those which were printed before computerisation came in. So now they are now in pdf format, and all except the most recent issues can be accessed on line, with a search facility as well.

It has been a privilege to be the Editor, and despite some hard work at times, and also taking on the task of typesetting in recent years, it has been a joy to serve, and especially to help those struggling to write an acceptable article, especially newcomers, to improve and be published.

I wish the new Editor, and his four Assistant Editors and the rest of the Editorial Board and Editorial Team and the WALC Council every success in continuing to keep JWAL going as a respected and influential journal.