

Letter to our readers

The Revista Brasileira de Linguística Aplicada (RBLA) starts its tenth year with innovations. Following its consolidation in the Brazilian academy and the good assessment that it has received from CAPES, the editors realized that the time had come for yet another important move. RBLA ceases to exist as a semestral publication to be quarterly. As from now there will be four issues per year, two being thematic and two general, the latter with a continual flow for submission.

The other news is its international policy and the participation of renowned researchers in the co-organization of thematic issues, helping us to attract international authors in this way. These special issues will be published in English and will have a specific call for papers. Consult our website for further information. In 2010, exceptionally, one of the thematic issues will be dedicated to selected papers from the *Seminário Internacional de Gêneros Textuais* (SIGET), with the co-organization of Charles Bazerman and Marcos Baltar. There will be articles in English and in Portuguese. The selected texts were submitted to our Editorial Board and presently are being edited. From now on, there will be public calls for papers for all the thematic issues. The following schedule covers the thematic issues to be published over the next five years.

Year	Theme 1	Submission deadline	Theme 2	Submission deadline
2010	Textual Genres	closed	The Teaching of Grammar	30/03/2010
2011	Corpora Studies	30/07/2010	The Teaching of Languages for Specific Purposes	30/02/2011
2012	Language Policy and Planning	30/07/2011	Literacy	30/02/2012
2013	Complexity studies in Applied Linguistics	30/07/2012	Studies in Lexicography	30/02/2013
2014	Language Education in Multilingual contexts	30/07/2013	Sign Language	30/02/2014

A third innovation is the promotion of debate. In the next issue we will begin a debate between Charles Bazerman and Kanavillil Rajagopalan and we expect others to emerge. We would like RBLA to be not only a vehicle of scientific production in Applied Linguistics, but a dynamic space which will prompt debates and new ideas. We would like to publish interviews and a greater amount of reviews. In order to do this, we hope to count on the participation of our readers.

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