



EDITORIAL

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“Ladies and gentlemen, I feel that this award was not made to me as a man, but to my work - a life's work in the agony and sweat of the human spirit, not for glory and least of all for profit, but to create out of the materials of the human spirit something which did not exist before.” (From William Faulkner's Nobel acceptance speech-1950)

Dear JALDA Reader

The job being done by the young and zealous members of the team behind *The Journal of Applied Linguistics and Applied Literature* can be regarded as a reflection of what happens generally in Iran in relation to English language. With a fire of enthusiasm burning inside young adults in Iran to reach out to the world in its colourful facets for several purposes, it is quite visible how there has been a rush to learn English in different walks of society. The enthusiasm taken to the academic level results in the determination to contribute to the field by any decent means available. Launching a new journal with goals resulting from the context of culture and the context of situation is a demanding endeavour that has proved to be a major means of contribution to the field and its context-oriented causes. Our Journal with the ups and downs it has experienced throughout its rather short life is now in a position that shows its potential to reach excellence, especially with reference to the great number of research articles that it receives both nationally and internationally from scholars in the fields of applied linguistics and applied literature. All this is actually the consequence of the hard work that the young team behind the Journal has already done. It should not be an exaggeration if I dare say that one could see degrees of “the agony and sweat of the human spirit” in my young colleagues working for the Journal; they really deserve a big round of applause, then!

The research articles in our Journal are the fruits of the hard work that has prepared the fertile ground for their cultivation. This editorial is another opportunity to call for articles in the related areas from different contexts of culture and contexts of situation contributing to more prosperity in our lives by sharing the fruits of our decent work.

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