

**EDITORIAL**

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The editors invite you to read the articles of the four sections and reflect upon the ideas and opinions included in them. **Academic Research and Scholarly Publication** includes an article which deals with the necessity for Romanian scholars of publishing their research in international journals and the challenges this can pose. Materials on different aspects of teaching foreign languages and assessment are included in the second section, entitled **Consideration on LSP Teaching and Evaluation**. The last two sections, **Languages for Specific Purposes** and **Cultural and Literary Studies**, mark the interest of our academics in the above mentioned specialized fields.

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