

A word from the President

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this first Special Issue 'Doctorants' of *Cahiers*, a new development fully in line with the Association for French Language Studies' commitment to supporting doctoral students and young researchers, who are our future. The doctoral workshops we started a few years ago have been a great success. They benefit not only doctoral students who get the chance to meet, share their experiences, present their work in a non-threatening environment and discuss it with both experienced researchers and fellow PhD students, but they also benefit the more seasoned researchers among us who are always keen to see what new research is taking place in our field and what new talent is coming through. Following such success, the next logical step was to provide a platform for giving doctoral students the chance to gain experience in publishing their work in a peer-reviewed publication, thus getting further feedback and valuable experience of this process. You are about to read a product of this new venture, and I am sure you will be as delighted as I am to see such quality work in print. Many thanks to all doctoral students who have contributed to the success of both the doctoral workshops and this issue of *Cahiers*.

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