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From the Editors

As the three of us were gathering in Athens for the annual meeting of the Societas Linguistica Europaea in late August, we learned some very sad news: on August 28, our dear colleague, friend, and, in the case of one of us (Joseph), collaborator as well, Irene Philippaki-Warburton, passed away at the age of 85. Her importance for Modern Greek linguistics cannot be overestimated, as she published key studies in Greek phonology, morphology, and, especially, syntax, and did illuminating sociolinguistic work too on the language question. Moreover, she co-authored three different grammatical descriptions of Greek, one of which, with David Holton and Peter Mackridge (*Greek. A comprehensive grammar of the modern language*, Routledge, 1997), has become the standard reference in most discussions of Modern Greek within any theoretical framework.

Furthermore, she was a founding editor of this very journal, and the impetus for the creation of the International Conference on Greek Linguistics (ICGL), as she organized and hosted the first ICGL in 1993 at her long-time academic home, the University of Reading; she was to be honored for her special role in the ICGL series in a celebratory event at the upcoming December 2023 ICGL 16. Perhaps more important than her scholarship and her organizational efforts is the instructional dimension to her academic career, as she mentored and trained dozens of Greek linguists, most of whom went on to successful academic careers in Greece and elsewhere, spreading the word, as it were, about the analytic intricacies that the Greek language, especially in its modern form, can offer the field of linguistics at large.

We remember her as a dynamic advocate for Greek linguistics, a tireless researcher, a storehouse of insightful ideas and analyses, and a wonderful, caring person. We will miss her deeply. A fuller obituary will appear in a future issue of this journal. For a portfolio of photographs of Eirene at various points in her life, see <https://www.new.enl.auth.gr/icgl6/irene-philippaki-warburton-2/>.

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