

Editorial statement

Volume 3 of the *Phonology Yearbook* continues the thematic structure of its immediate predecessor, with the contributions again being devoted to two major topics of current interest to phonologists, in this instance THE VALIDATION OF CLAIMS IN PHONOLOGY and PHONOLOGY ABOVE THE FOOT. But for the first time the determination of the contents of each thematic section has been entrusted to a guest editor with an established interest in the area, respectively John Ohala and Bob Ladd. The editors of the *Yearbook* would like to record here their gratitude to the thematic editors for their strenuous efforts in attracting and evaluating contributions to their sections and thus ensuring, as we think readers will agree, that the volume makes a significant contribution to the ends to which the *Yearbook* is devoted, in particular the presentation and confrontation of ideas and data in areas of concern to the phonologist.

Volume 4 will also be partially thematic in character, but in this case devoted to a single theme which has attracted a range of potential contributions, namely SYNTACTIC CONDITIONS ON PHONOLOGICAL RULES; the guest editors for this theme are Ellen Kaisse and Arnold Zwicky. It is envisaged that Volume 5 will be non-thematic; the editors therefore invite submissions devoted to any topic which falls within the broad area of interest delineated in the *Editorial statement* to Volume 1 of the *Yearbook*, and in particular welcome contributions which pursue issues raised in earlier volumes. Information concerning the submission of manuscripts is provided on the inside covers of this volume.