NOTE

A new journal, entitled *Written Language & Literacy* (WLL), is to be issued by John Benjamins Publishers, Amsterdam, under the editorship of William Bright The journal will contain articles, book reviews, and brief notes It will be published initially in two issues per year, totaling about 300 pages, and including book reviews as well as articles

The journal will be concerned with two major aspects of written language (a) the structures, histories, typologies, and functions of the writing systems (scripts) used by the languages of the world, and (b) literacy, i e the institutionalized use of written language, from the interdisciplinary viewpoints of linguistics, anthropology, sociology, psychology, education, literature, and book arts Topics of articles will include typology of scripts, historical development of scripts, descriptive analysis of scripts, decipherment of ancient scripts, formal and functional relationships between scripts and spoken languages, semiotics of written language (as contrasted with speech), pragmatics of written language, invention of scripts, adaptation of scripts to new languages, orthographic design and reform, psycholinguistic and neurolinguistic aspects of the processes of writing, reading, and literacy, calligraphic and typographic adaptations of scripts, cultural, social, psychological, and political implications of scripts, related notational systems (numerical, mathematical, musical etc), ethnolinguistic aspects of literacy (as contrasted with orality), sociolinguistics of literacy, cognitive models of script choice and of literacy, interaction between the literate and non-literate worlds, cross-cultural and cross-linguistic studies of literacy, the roles of written, printed, and computationally processed language with respect to spoken language and human life

The editorial board will be an international body, including three Associate Editors – Janet Shibamoto Smith, Brian Street, and Ludo Verhoeven – and fifteen Advisory Editors, representing a variety of viewpoints and specializations WLL will aim to encourage international and interdisciplinary contributions, to be open to a broad variety of theoretical views, and to give preference to work which integrates data with conceptual and methodological concerns

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