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In this issue we are pleased to include Michael Byram and Anwei Feng on culture and language learning. In their examination of this increasingly important area, Byram and Feng explore research from a number of traditions and disciplines. They propose an agenda for future work which acknowledges and engages with its value laden nature. Regular readers may be surprised by the absence from this July issue of Dick Johnstone's annual research round up. I am happy to reassure everyone that it will be published in the forthcoming issue, 37/4.

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- *younger foreign language learners* (Richard Johnstone)
- *pronunciation* (Jane Setter and Jennifer Jenkins)
- *action research* (Anne Burns)
- *listening* (John Field)
- *conversation analysis* (Paul Seedhouse)

Annual research review

Each year, we present an annual research round-up. In this ever popular feature, Richard Johnstone provides a stimulating and authoritative overview of significant research and emerging research trends in language teaching and learning over the previous year.

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