

Euskalingua - Presentation

Dear Reader,

The *Euskalingua* you see here is a magazine published on the initiative of Mendebalde Kultura Alkartea. Since its objective is to collect, study and circulate linguistic patrimony, our wish is to publish a scientific magazine which will bring together different areas of language research. *Euskalingua* intends to enable work to be carried out in the three areas of knowledge – by way of additions, linguistic patrimony, oral literature, terminology, corpuses; in the area of research, linguistics, linguistic anthropology, and the sociology of language; in the area of application, we wish to report on practical applications of the Basque language, language and technology, language planning, applied linguistics, and the translation and teaching sector. To sum up, *Euskalingua* wishes to provide an area for all language experts by creating a forum for exchange of the ideas and opinions of researchers in their various areas and encouraging interdisciplinarity. Since we often work in different areas of knowledge we receive no news from each other, and this has the effect of reducing our research or experiences. *Euskalingua* will give us the chance to read articles from a range of disciplines, with the Basque language as the main topic.

In relation to the area of theory, *Euskalingua* also provides space for the work of those involved in different areas of methodology and theory research. It is essential we attach due importance to theoretical and methodological debate, and so we hope the magazine will allow the Basque scientific community to make their contribution too.

We have a number of other objectives in promoting the magazine – firstly, to provide an area for academic debate between those involved in researching the Basque language here and overseas, and secondly to allow younger researchers to make their contribution. Therefore, though priority is extended to articles written

in Basque, we will occasionally also accept those drawn up in English, Spanish or French, in view of the theoretical or methodological contribution they will make. Moreover, we extend a special invitation to young researchers and experts to have their work published in the magazine.

Above we said that what you see here is *Euskalingua*, not what you are actually holding, and this is one of the magazine's most significant features. In order to propagate research into the Basque language more easily using new technology, this magazine will be posted on the web in electronic format administered by AHOLAB. This type of format makes our work much easier – it makes the contents easy to divulge, they cross our borders much faster, and the system makes it easier to conduct searches, to mention only a few advantages. If you wish to know when the next edition is to be posted, you need only arrange for an on-line subscription to alert you by e-mail.

Euskalingua will be published/posted twice a year. We invite all researchers and language experts to send in their articles, which we are certain will be of interest to readers, and our fervent hope is that *Euskalingua* will make an extensive contribution to language-related research.

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