In Memoriam Ursula Kleinhenz

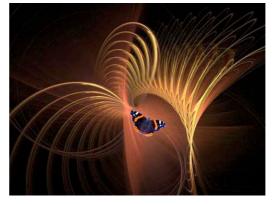
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The fourth volume of *Biolinguistics* comes to an end and with it another year — and with it also, very sadly, the passing of a good friend, a wonderful human being, a hard-working editor, and a tremendous loss to the linguistic community. Goodbye, Ursula!

This is not an obituary; Ursula's colleagues from Mouton de Gruyter already were so kind as to post a very touching message on Linguist List (http://linguistlist.org/issues/21/21-5026.html). To those of us who knew her, Ursula's death did not come as a surprise, after a long battle with cancer — but as a shock nevertheless, and it does not make the loss any easier to cope with. Ursula died at age 45 in the final editing process of this issue, on 9 December 2010, hence the inclusion of this brief note here.

I got to know Ursula very well in the summer of 1999, when I spent three months in Berlin at ZAS. We became good friends very quickly, after having met previously at conferences, thanks to her open, friendly attitude which I always admired. How can you not — with that laughter?! We stayed in touch, met at irregular intervals at conferences, offices, cafés — and as so often in situations such as this, I wish we had done so more intensely, especially in the past few years. I cannot change that, I cannot turn back the time, but I can wish you all the best

wherever you may be or go, Ursula.



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