

FOREWORD

D.E.L.T.A. adds this special number to the several activities taking place this year to commemorate the hundredth birthday of the great linguist who introduced the discipline in Brazil: **Joaquim Mattoso Câmara Junior**.

D.E.L.T.A. is pleased to have asked Cristina Altman, who formally introduced Linguistic Historiography in Brazil, to organize this issue, a very difficult job indeed in view of the fact that she could only invite a bare handful of his countless friends, colleagues, students and followers.

Aryon Dall'Igna Rodrigues, co-responsible for the introduction of Linguistic studies in Brazil and a pioneer in the study of Brazilian Indian Languages was asked to write the preface to the volume.

Francisco Gomes de Mattos, another leading scholar, introduced Applied Linguistics in Brazil, steering the Center for Applied Linguistics in São Paulo in its infancy. Carlos Eduardo Falcão Uchoa, who was assistant to Mattoso Câmara at UFRJ in the 1960s and who organized a collection of the latter's works, as well as Ângela França, Valter Kehdi Geraldo Cintra have also contributed to the present volume.

Cristina Altman provides an overview. Also present in this special number are Yonne Leite, Leda Bisol e Margarida Basílio – all former students of Câmara.

We the editors of D.E.L.T.A. wish to register our gratitude to Cristina Altman and her team for putting together this special number of the journal.

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