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Ref.: Your letter of 7/10/2015

Dear Johan,

Many thanks for your letter regarding *Lingua*. This naturally required some careful consideration so thank you for your patience in waiting for our reply.

I regret that you didn't feel able discuss these issues with me directly before sending your letter. I believe we have always enjoyed a positive and rewarding collaboration, so it is disappointing that concerns in this area were not raised with me before now.

As I am sure you understand, we will not be able to agree to your request that *Lingua*'s ownership be transferred to a collective of the editors. I gather from your comments online that you see this as an 'all or nothing' approach and that you may therefore decide to stand down as Editor of the journal. We would obviously be disappointed if you took this course of action. Whatever the outcome though, we would wish you success in your future endeavours.

I look forward to your reply and will close by thanking you for your work on the journal over the years.

With all best regards,

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