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## Joshua A. Fishman and Mouton de Gruyter

Joshua A. Fishman's close association with Mouton de Gruyter is long standing, and it is with a certain degree of pride that we would like to celebrate this shared and distinguished publishing history on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Joshua A. Fishman is internationally renowned for his contribution to the sociology of language. He has published numerous titles with Mouton de Gruyter (at the last count over 20) and presided over the ground-breaking book series *Contributions to the Sociology of Language* and the internationally prestigious journal the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* since the 1970s.

The first seminal volumes in the *Contributions to the Sociology of Language* series (*Advances in the Sociology of Language*) appeared back in 1971 and 1972 respectively and since then over 90 more volumes have followed – fittingly, the latest publication is a volume co-edited by Martin Pütz, Joshua A. Fishman, and JoAnne Neff-van Aertselaer, and the series is still going strong. Perhaps another reason to celebrate will be when the series hits the hundred mark!

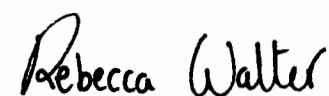
The *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* has now reached its 182nd issue with manuscripts already well underway for 2007. The thematic focus of the majority of issues and the specific focus on small languages and small language communities has undoubtedly enabled many small languages the opportunity to find a voice in an international journal.

Joshua A. Fishman's work on language and ethnicity, language planning, bilingual education, and the Yiddish language is unparalleled, and we are honored to have been able to publish so many of his works.

I know that everyone at Mouton de Gruyter (both past and present) would like to join me in wishing Joshua A. Fishman all the very best on the occasion of his 80th birthday!

Happy Birthday from Mouton!

All best wishes



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