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Foreword

Welcome to the latest issue of *Elsya : Journal of English Language Studies* (E-ISSN: 2684-9224)! This journal is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal dedicated to disseminating practioners and experts' theoretical and practical observations on English language, particularly in developing and emerging countries.

Elsya Journal has published Volume 5 Number 3 on June 2023. I would like to thank my co-editors, editorial board members, reviewers, the technical team, members of LITA and APPSBI, as well as the contributing authors for creating *Elsya Journal*. I would also like to give special thanks in particular to the director of LPPM-Unilak, Dr. David Setiawan M.T., and his LPPM Team, a team of kind-hearted persons who became the inspiration for *Elsya Journal* to share knowledge freely with the global academia.

Our February issue presents nine articles from twenty researchers, covering the English language practices in six countries, namely Australia, Indonesia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom. *Thulla & Fofanah* opens this issue with a detailed analysis of poems authored by Ourmar Farouk Sesay. Another type of literature that is featured in this issue is a movie, done by *Amalia et al.* who focused on politeness strategies. Meanwhile, *Ngaiza and Malima* looked at the discursive constructions in election petitions. Three papers explored teacher narratives: *Izzah and Febria* on teacher resilience during the Covid-19 Pandemic, *Isharyanti and Ragawanti* on teaching practices, and *Putri et al.* on teacher strategies for vocabulary teaching. A TPACK-based need analysis was carried out by *Devi*, and challenges of peer feedback was also explored by *Cendani and Purnamaningwulan*. Lastly, with the Merdeka Curriculum in the backdrop, Minarni et al. contributed their practice of increasing the digital literacy and skills of both teacher and students.

As the Editor-in-Chief of this promising journal, I am deeply grateful to all the authors for their excellent works and remarkable contributions. These nine papers from this current issue should bring new insight and spirit of sharing knowledge-based research to academia. *Elsya Journal* will continue to allow rapid publication and in-press publication policy to facilitate the widespread dissemination of needed knowledge, curiosity of novel phenomena and practical solutions for the problems around the world related to English language.

The *Elsya* team invites all of academia, researcher and practitioners of language to make frequent use of our valuable resources in for the quality advancement of our education.

Best Regards,

Pekanbaru, October 2023



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