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# Message from the Editor

Dear readers,

I am proud to release this special issue of *OnCUE Journal* that stemmed from the CUE ESP Symposium in 2013. It was the second one in CUE history, with the third one in September 2014. Readers can see a review of the second symposium by John Blake and Dubghan Hinchey in the previous issue (7.1).

As Bill Holden has written above, the importance of ESP cannot be overestimated. Whether students go into careers of science, technology, finance, medicine, agriculture, business, sports, or anything else, the globalized world that we live in calls for a presence of specialized English. Students need to go beyond mere interest in the language to a motivated stance that fosters positive thinking towards learning how they will need English in their workplaces, whether they reside in Japan or go abroad.

Not all of the plenary speakers contributed articles to the special issue based on their talks, nor did all of the many fine poster presenters. Their reasons are unimportant, and I think what Bill has collected here is a good representation of the wealth of knowledge that was on display at JAIST. I particularly enjoyed his choice of inviting poster presenters to write “extended abstracts”. Such mini-articles gave the presenters more of an opportunity to explain their findings, and it would have been too difficult or unreasonable to merely print a photo of their posters.

I want to close by thanking Bill for taking the helm as guest editor for the issue, and by thanking everyone at JAIST who helped put the event together. Kudos to all.

Glen Hill

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