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## #32 | Season's Greetings

Dear all,

The end of this year is just around the corner. It has been a year of continued uncertainty. However, it has also been a year when we have been able to meet in-person for meetings and events. With the closing of 2022, the CRC is also reaching halftime. We are glad this year gave us the opportunity for more interpersonal exchanges. The 3rd International Conference "Prominence in Language", the Neurospeech Symposium and our annual retreat (Klausurtagung) at Kloster Steinfeld are among the events to highlight. Apart from our ongoing research and the advancement and support for early-career researchers, working on the proposal for a third funding period will become a core endeavor. In addition, there's the annual DGfS conference coming up that will take place in Cologne in March. There is much to look forward to in 2023.

We wish you all a happy holiday season and all the best for this new year to come! ✨

Britt Krukau

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Our House of Prominence also got into the Christmas spirit. One night in December it transformed into a cozy space with fairy lights and Christmas baubles. The last Christmas party took place in 2019, so it was with great pleasure that we welcomed everyone back to gather for this occasion. Decorations were put up and Christmas music played in the background. Home-made mulled wine was on the menu along with many other donations and gifts. Thank you everyone for joining us on this jolly evening! 🎄





## Goodbye, Cornelia!



Regretfully we must say goodbye to our colleague Cornelia Ehlen-Stein from the coordination in team Z. Cornelia has worked in the CRC for almost one and a half years and was primarily responsible for financial control and contract management for our staff.

Cornelia is not afraid of excel files, SAP or the financial department, and managed the trickiest budget calculation. Everything she does has been done with accuracy and rigor. We will especially keep in our hearts her personal and emotional strength. With life at times being unpredictable and cruel, her strength is something we would like to express our deepest respect for.

As of January 2023 Cornelia is going to take up a new role as a consultant for project proposals in natural sciences in the Research Management Department. With her PhD in Biology, her new role is an excellent fit. Dear Cornelia: We wish you all the best for your future endeavors! Thank you for the time shared at CRC 1252. We look forward to our paths crossing again at the University of Cologne.

## Welcome to the CRC!

Having been associated with the CRC during its first phase, with an adjunct project called "Differential subject marking in Old Indo-Iranian", I am now happy to announce that I have come full circle and am back with our CRC in an administrative position. Some of you may still know me from when I was based at the Linguistics Department until fall 2022. Beginning of next year I will take over from Cornelia at the CRC and be responsible mostly for the financial side of affairs. Being an Indo-Europeanist by training I am mostly interested in language change and the role of language contact in historical linguistics, with a strong focus on Germanic languages, the



history of German, as well as other Old Indo-European languages such as Hittite and Sanskrit. You will find me to be a very communicative person in general. Also, I will be personally available at the House of Prominence most of the time, looking forward to meeting all of you in person soon. So do not hesitate to just approach me when you meet me at the HoP, be it regarding administrative issues or whenever you simply feel the need to talk historical linguistics!

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## In other news...

- Registration for the 45th Annual Conference of the German Linguistic Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, DGfS), taking place in Cologne March 7-10, 2023, is now open. Register [here](#) until January 31.
- A quick reminder that next year we are offering junior and senior fellowships again. The application is open until January 15 and can be found [here](#). Please forward the call to anyone who might be interested!



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**Anything new coming up?** If you want to be featured in the next newsletter, please drop us a line at: [bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de](mailto:bkrukau1@uni-koeln.de) (Britt Krukau) or [ewindbel@uni-koeln.de](mailto:ewindbel@uni-koeln.de) (Eva Windbergs) or tell us your news personally.

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