

Congratulations on the occasion of Lars Johanson's 89th Birthday

What you are organizing is wonderful - as far as participating, I wish I could I wish I could, but maalesef, the timing is impossible.

Wishing you a very successful workshop - and birthday party.

Erika H Gilson, Princeton

I truly appreciate your kind invitation for me to participate in the symposium in Lars' honor on February 19.

Naturally, I would have been quite happy to attend. Unfortunately, however, I have two deadlines for papers in mid February, and, much to my regret, I must for reasons of time abstain from a trip down to Mainz at this point.

But if there will be some kind of written homage to Lars, please add my name to it.

Once again, many thanks for thinking of me in this connection.

Warm greetings to both of you from Uppsala,

Stig Eliasson, Uppsala

Thank you for your kind invitation to Prof. Johanson's birthday. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend, due to other duties.

Nevertheless, I would like to ask you to convey my very best wishes to Professor Johanson whose work in Turkish linguistics I consider both path-breaking and epoch-making. I congratulate him on his achievements to date and wish him and Éva all the very best for the coming years.

Thank you again for thinking of inviting me.

Best wishes,
Ildikó

Ildikó Bellér-Hann, Copenhagen

Thank much for your kind invitation. I'm in Australia until the beginning of April, so I'm afraid coming to Mainz is not possible for me.

Please give Lars my very best wishes for the occasion.

Victor Friedman, Chicago

Lieber Kollege

haben Sie vielen Dank für die Einladung. Leider kann ich an dem Treffen nicht teilnehmen, aber ich würde mich freuen, wenn Sie Herrn Professor Johanson meine herzlichen Grüsse und Glückwünsche zum Geburtstag ausrichten würden.

Mit freundlichem Gruss,

Wolfgang Scharlipp

Liebe Kollegen,

vielen Dank für die freundliche Einladung. Leider kann ich zu dem besagten Termin nicht nach Mainz kommen. Ich bitte aber, dem Jubilar anlässlich des Workshops meine allerherzlichsten Glückwünsche und Grüße auszurichten.

Viele Grüße aus Szeged,
Euer Julian Rentzsch, Mainz

Dear colleagues,

thank you very much for the invitation. Unfortunately I will be abroad on March 18-20 so that I cannot participate. Please convey my congratulations to Lars!

All the best,
Jost Gippert, Frankfurt

Dear László,

thank you so much for this kind invitation. I would love to join the workshop and congratulate Lars in person, since I owe him so much. Talking to him was such an inspiration for my PhD dissertation and far beyond that.

Unfortunately, I am organising a conference in Zürich from March 17-19, so I cannot make it. What a pity.

Kind regards,
Barbara Sonnenhauser, Zürich

Thank you very much for inviting me for such an important workshop.

Unfortunately, I cannot attend to this workshop. However, I would like to send my regards and best wishes to Prof. Lars Johanson on his 80th birthday.

I wish you all a productive workshop and all the best to Prof. Johanson.

Best regards

Emel Turker-van der Heiden, Oslo

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your invitation to this workshop in honor of Lars Johanson. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend because of prior engagements, but I would be grateful if you could forward the following message to Lars on the occasion:

"Dear Lars: Thank you for your contributions to Turkic linguistics, to aspect theory, and to the interface with linguistic typology. Congratulations on your 80th birthday and best wishes for the future. Bernard [Comrie]"

Please let me know if questions arise.

Best wishes,
Bernard Comrie

Dear Professor Johanson,

I congratulate you on your 80th birthday.

May you continue to shed light on our way many more years, flying over the Turkic geography like Nils Holgersson!

Mine Guven

Dear László Károly, dear Hendrik,

many thanks for the invitation to the workshop, and my sincere apologies for this very late reply. I was ill, then away from my office for some time, now I am catching up with emails that did not get answered.

I would be honoured to attend the workshop on the occasion of Lars Johanson's 80th birthday (I was fortunate enough to attend the celebration of his 70th birthday in 2006). However, regrettably I am unable to come to Mainz on that weekend due to family commitments (my daughter will be coming to Bamberg from Denmark that weekend, and we cannot change the dates).

Please pass on my salutations and best wishes to Lars, and my apologies for not being able to do so in person,

All the best
Geoff Haig, Bamberg

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your kind invitation to the workshop in honour of Prof. Lars Johanson. Unfortunately, I cannot attend it. However, I would like to ask you to convey my best wishes of good health and further fruitful work to Prof. Johanson whose contribution to Turkic linguistics is of an exceptional importance, both in theory and empirical study.

Henryk Jankowski”

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Dear Lars,

I am truly sorry not to be able to attend the workshop on *Turkic Linguistics: The State of the Art* and to miss this very special occasion in honour of your 80th birthday.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of your invaluable contribution to the field of Turcology and your stimulating input in the development of Turkic linguistics.

As we say in Turkish 'Sağlık içinde nice mutlu yıllara!' _ to many more happy years in good health.

Istanbul'dan sevgi ve selamlarımla,

Eser Erguvanlı Taylan

16.03.2016

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to have been invited to the workshop *Turkic Linguistics: The State of the Art* to be held on March 19, 2016, on the occasion of Lars Johanson's 80th birthday. Although I cannot join the Workshop in person, I would like to send a message to celebrate our distinguished professor Lars Johanson on his birthday. Prof. Johanson has contributed immensely to the field of Turkish /Turkic linguistics. We have all learned a lot from him concerning the geographical distribution of Turkic languages, their linguistic maps, language contact, tense and aspect of Turkic languages, Turkic hypotaxis, many aspects of Turkish syntax, morphology, and semantics. He has also led a series of great publications in a series of *Turcologica* as well as a journal.

A couple of months ago I bought a book written by Peter B. Golden, titled (*Türk Halklarının Tarihine Giriş, Introduction to the History of the Turkish People*). This is a great book I have been reading with much fun and curiosity. The author, Peter B. Golden, informs us that Lars Johanson initiated the idea and encouraged him to write this great book. Prof. Johanson has always inspired other scholars to produce work on Turkish linguistics and also history. I consider him a bright star that has illuminated the field of Turkology and will keep illuminating future researchers with all the compiled obra on Turkology. Happy Birthday Lars Hocam! I wish many healthy, fruitful, and happy years with your family, friends, and colleagues.

Kind regards,

Ümit Deniz Turan