

Re: Academic/scientific journals in Esperanto?

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Aidan Kehoe (*kehoea@parhasard.net*) writes:

- > *Ar an dara l j d ag de m - Feabhra, scr obh Manuel M. Campagna:*
- > > *Then it is more of a puzzle to me that he felt that declining nouns and*
- > > *have adjectives agree with them was a good idea.*
- > > *He realized that English was all the more difficult because it lacks a*
- > > *simple accusative and noun-adjective concord.*
- > *Haha!*

I found accusatives to be very helpful when I studied Latin, Ancient Greek, German, and Russian. What I find very unhelpful is the diversity of forms of accusative in each of these languages. Esperanto has a simple accusative.

The noun-adjective concord in my native French, in Italian, Latin, Ancient Greek, German, and Russian, is extremely useful. What I find very unhelpful is the diversity of forms of nouns and adjectives in those languages. Esperanto has a simple noun-adjective concord.

- > > *However, there is one good thing he found in English: the absence of*
- > > *complex and irregular verb tables such as exist in latin, Greek, Romance*
- > > *languages, Russian and Polish.*
- > *The verb tables of English are sufficiently irregular that one would have to*
- > *have a very impoverished imagination to view them as much of an advantage*
- > *over the languages you mention.*

You are confusing lists of irregular verbs with conjugation tables. Except for a couple of verbs such as to have and to be, as long as you know the basic verb forms (love, loved, loved; seek, sought, sought; go, went, gone; etc), there are hardly any variations (second person singular if you insist on it; and third person singular in the present indicative).

- > > *I agree with Z on both counts.*
- > > *[...] One can assume that one day some Chinese Atat erk will make pinyin*
- > > *compulsory.*
- > *No. The moment has passed; cf.*
- > http://faroutliers.blogspot.com/2004_04_01_faroutliers_archive.html#108286192290665647

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British historian Arnold Toynbee predicted that at the end of time the Chinese and French Canadians would be there. He didn't say anything about English.

There is more than enough time for the Chinese to make pinyin compulsory.

> > *The Public Library computer I am using doesn't recognize your precious*
> > *Irish diacritics.*
> *Then itâ€™s not up to much; ISO 8859 1 isnâ€™t the bleeding edge of*
> *technology, and hasnâ€™t been for fifteen years, at least. >*

But it's free of charge to card-carrying members.
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Manuel