

## **PREFACE**

This VAKKI publication could be seen as a milestone in many ways. During the publication process, in 2018, VAKKI association transformed from the Research Association for Translation, LSP and multilingualism to the VAKKI Communication Research Association. This is based on a larger organizational change that happened in 2017 at the University of Vaasa. In line with the change, the theme for 2018 symposium was refocused to highlight ‘Workplace Communication’. We as VAKKI board members and editors hope that this thematic refocusing will interest – also in future symposia – researchers from different disciplines and backgrounds who share the interest in workplace communication as a genuinely diverse phenomenon. Therefore, the VAKKI publications 9 is the very first one focusing on workplace communication. In this publication, we have 17 articles – written in English, Finnish, German and Swedish – that cover a wide range of workplace communication contexts, professions, methods, modes, educational models and experiments. We hope that you enjoy reading this versatile collection of the world of workplace communication!