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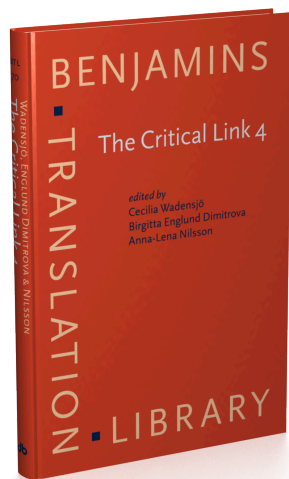
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Critical Link was founded in 1992 in Canada, as a network with the aim of organizing the first international conference on community interpreting. This conference was held at Geneva Park, Toronto, Canada, in 1995, and the proceedings were published in Carr, Roberts, Dufour and Steyn (1997). It was followed by another two international conferences, which also took place in Canada: in 1998 in Vancouver, with the theme “Standards and Ethics in Community Interpreting: Recent Developments”, and in 2001 in Montreal, with the theme “Interpreting in the Community: the Complexity of the Profession”. The proceedings of those conferences were published in Roberts, Carr, Abraham and Dufour (2000) and Brunette, Bastin, Hemlin and Clarke (2003), respectively.

After the three conferences in Canada, it was decided to “go overseas” for the next event, and Stockholm, Sweden, was selected as host for the fourth conference, which took place in May 2004. We took on the challenge with great enthusiasm and are proud to present another selection of papers produced within the Critical Link framework. Our choice of theme was “Professionalisation of Interpreting in the Community”, a timely issue in the young profession that is community interpreting.

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