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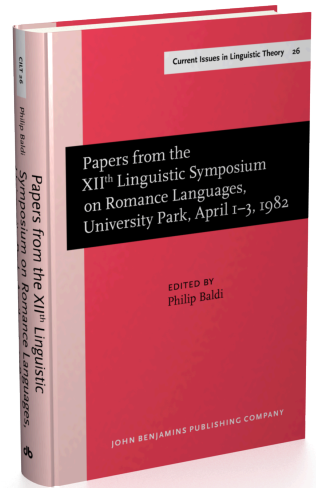
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PREFACE

This volume contains thirty-one of the thirty-five papers which were presented at the XII Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL), held April 1-3, 1982 at Penn State University. A few of the papers appear here substantially in the form in which they were presented; most have been revised by the authors, some only to a small degree, and others to a much greater extent. All the papers contained here were screened by the editor for content and general acceptability for publication in these Proceedings.

As is to be expected in a publication of this sort, these articles represent many different viewpoints on a large variety of topics. There is no unified theoretical viewpoint represented by this volume; rather, the papers reflect the general state of the art in Romance Linguistics today. Some papers are basically data-oriented descriptions of some particular linguistic phenomenon in one or another Romance language; others are applied studies, i.e. they apply the principles of a particular linguistic theory to the solution of a problem in some Romance language. Still others are basically theoretical papers in that they seek to establish principles of a general nature based on the analysis of a Romance language.

The volume is divided into three main sections. The first, FRENCH, contains seven papers on topics ranging from French reduplication to the theoretical implications of

Preposition-Complementizers. All papers deal with some aspect of French morphology or syntax, with no articles devoted to an issue of a purely phonological nature. One article (Beniak and Mougeon) is sociolinguistic in its concerns, the only such article in the volume.

Section two, SPANISH, contains ten papers. Seven of these deal with morphology or syntax, while the remaining three address phonological issues. Readers of this volume will notice a greater dependency in the Spanish papers on the latest models of Generative Grammar (GG) than is found in the articles on other Romance languages. Counting Harris' and Holt's phonology papers, six of the contributions in this section are done in one of the more recent versions of GG. This compares with one in the French section (that of Vinet), and none in the final section.

Section three, VARIA, contains the largest number of papers, fourteen. They range in concern from matters of historical linguistics (two), to history of linguistics (one), to syntax and morphology (five), to more traditional phonological interests (six). This section is the largest and is also the least unified in terms of issues raised and theoretical viewpoints espoused.

All articles in the volume are arranged in alphabetical order by section. Material in the indices is based primarily on information supplied by the authors.

The role of the editor of the Proceedings of a conference is very much like that of a chef following a recipe which has been provided by a friend. The recommended ingredients are provided by the friend, but the chef has the responsibility of making them come together into some kind of tasty final product. If the dish doesn't taste good, the chef can always blame the friend for not giving the proper ingredients. With this volume I have set myself the

task of trying to assemble the given ingredients into some kind of consistent, tasty whole. Consistency, in fact, has been my chief concern, since for all practical purposes the ingredients were out of my control. Consistency turns out to be largely a matter of formal style: when to italicize, when to use such and such a convention, what shape the bibliography should take, etc. This of course is much more difficult to achieve than would appear to be the case. Many authors had idiosyncracies of style, footnoting and referencing which simply could not be altered without requiring a complete rewrite.

A very large number of people have been helpful in bringing these Proceedings into publication. First of all I am indebted to E. F. K. Koerner, who suggested that John Benjamins would be interested in publishing these papers, and who has provided much valuable advice. Claire Benjamins and Paul Peranteau of John Benjamins have been very helpful to me on matters of a technical nature. I acknowledge gratefully their cooperation and patience. Jean-Hugues Boisset was the Co-Director of the XII LSRL Conference; his work on the conference was instrumental in making it such a success. Without his early efforts on behalf of LSRL XII, these Proceedings would never have become a reality.

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