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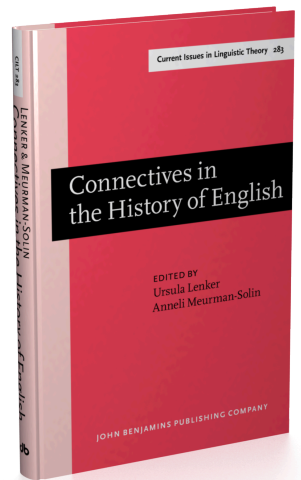
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This volume is a compilation of articles by international scholars active in the field of English historical linguistics. The majority of the studies are revised versions of papers presented at a workshop on “Clausal Connectives in the History of English” at the 13th International Conference of English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL) in Vienna on the 23–28 August 2004.

The idea for the workshop – and thus also for this collection of papers – was born at the 12th ICEHL in Glasgow, where both the editors happened to present papers on connectives and found that numerous members of the research community considered new theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of linguistic features with connective function relevant and interesting. The keen interest in this subject was then further attested by the acceptance of our suggestion for a workshop at the 13th ICEHL in Vienna, and by the many proposals we received as a response to our call for papers, out of which eight were chosen for presentation at the workshop. These papers, as well as those by Laurel Brinton, Claudia Claridge and the editors, are now published in this volume. The editors would like to express their thanks to the contributors to this volume.

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All the chapters in this volume draw on large electronic databases and bear witness to recent corpus-linguistic advances in both synchronic and diachronic research. They will provide examples of how particular theoretical models can be used in new ways and new contexts, and illustrate how various kinds of methodo-

logical synergies permit us to create a happy balance between quantitative and qualitative approaches.

It is our very sad duty to announce that Elina Sorva died prematurely in January 2006, and we publish her paper in memory of a dear friend and highly respected colleague.

Munich and Helsinki, January 2007

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