

# Foreword

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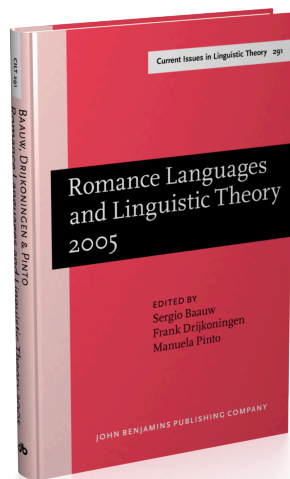
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The annual conference series *Going Romance* is an international initiative of the universities in the Netherlands that engage in linguistic research on Romance languages. Since its inception in the eighties of the past century, the conference has developed into a major European discussion forum where ideas about language and linguistics and about Romance languages are put in an interactive perspective, giving space to both universality and Romance-internal variation.

Since just before the new millennium, the organization publishes a proceedings-like volume, entitled *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory*. An invitation to address a key-note lecture includes the possibility to publish the corresponding paper in the volume. For publications by selected speakers a separate review procedure has been agreed upon.

The current volume, *Romance Languages and Linguistic Theory 2005*, contains a selection of the papers that have been presented at the nineteenth Going Romance conference, which was held at Utrecht University from December 8-9. The conference was followed by a workshop on Acquisition on December 10, the program of which included for the first time a poster session.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the XIXth edition of Going Romance. First of all, our thanks go to the invited speakers, selected speakers, presenters of a poster, presidents of sessions, participants and discussants, for creating that lively atmosphere during the couple of days that we were together.

Our thanks also go to a rather large set of colleagues for scoring the abstracts, helping with the organisation, and for -- last but not least -- formulating comments and/or reviews on the papers that were submitted. We feel that the quality of the current volume is largely dependent on their positively critical attitude.

Finally, our thanks go to the institutions that supported us financially: the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), the second one especially for their support of the workshop. We also wish to thank the local research institute (Utrecht institute of Linguistics OTS) for their financial and organisational help.

The editors feel that the present volume reflects very well the actual content of the XIXth edition. We thank Pelin Onar for her work in editing and preparing the final manuscript.

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