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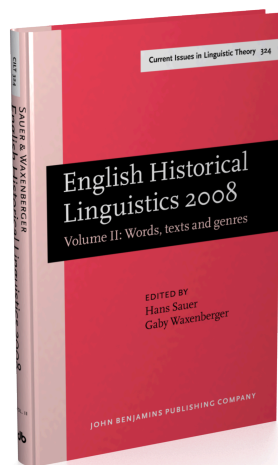
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The Fifteenth International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL 15) took place in Munich in August 2008; the main organisers were Hans Sauer and Ursula Lenker, assisted by a team of keen and reliable helpers. The conference resulted in a number of publications. As has been customary, selected papers from this conference are published by the company of John Benjamins in the series 'Current Issues in Linguistic Theory' (CILT), created in 1974 and edited ever since by E.F.K. Koerner. The first volume of selected papers was edited by Ursula Lenker, Judith Huber and Robert Mailhammer and appeared in 2010 as CILT no. 314. It contains fourteen contributions that deal with questions of syntax and morpho-syntax, with a concentration on the history of English verbal and nominal constructions.

The present second volume of selected papers, edited by Hans Sauer and Gaby Waxenberger, has a different emphasis. Its fifteen contributions fall into two main parts. The first deals with the history of the English vocabulary and is subdivided into etymology, semantic fields and word-formation; the second deals with text linguistics, text types, and politeness. Two of the contributions were plenary papers (those by Philip Durkin and by Thomas Kohnen), the others were section papers. A more detailed characterization of the fifteen contributions is given in the Editors' Introduction (pp. xi–xviii below).

Apart from the plenary papers and the section papers there were also several workshops during the conference. Some of the papers presented in two of those workshops have also been printed. Papers given in the workshop "Problems in English Historical Phonology" were published in *Anglia* 127. 173–306 (2009). Papers given in the workshop devoted to the legacy of Joseph Wright were published in *Joseph Wright's 'English Dialect Dictionary' and Beyond* ed. by Manfred Markus et al. (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2010).

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