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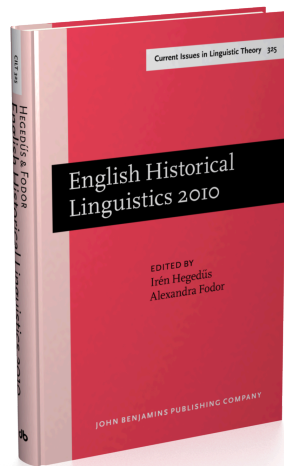
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The 16th International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL 16) was held in Pécs, Hungary, in 2010. That year was special both for the city and for its university because Pécs had been selected as European Capital of Culture by the Council of Ministers of the European Union, and to celebrate this, the University of Pécs hosted outstanding international conferences that brought together representatives of a great number of research fields. Beyond the generous financial support provided by the university; the moral and logistic support from Professor Ferenc Fischer, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, deserves to be gratefully acknowledged.

The year 2010 was also remarkable for the history of English historical linguistics because it marked the 30th anniversary of ICEHL conferences: the series of these conferences was initiated in Durham in 1980.¹ It was a pleasure to see in Pécs so many senior specialists who have been regular participants at previous ICEHL meetings.

There were about 130 papers presented at the 16th ICEHL. The present volume contains 17 papers of the 37 submitted for possible publication (papers presented in workshop sessions are to be published elsewhere). Several papers that were not selected for publication here due to thematic coherence will be published either in another volume or individually in journals. For the sake of interested parties, information about the publication of papers will be provided by the Pécs website of ICEHL 16 (<http://www.icehl-16.pte.hu>).

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1. See the Preface to the proceedings of the *Second International Conference on English Historical Linguistics* held at Odense University 13–15 April, 1981, published as *Current Topics in English Historical Linguistics* edited by Michael Davenport, Erik Hansen & Hans Frede Nielsen. Odense: Odense University Press, 1983.

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We hope and wish that the thirty-year tradition of ICEHL volumes will continue and these meetings remain an attractive forum for specialists in English historical linguistics to exchange the results of their research with interested colleagues.

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The Editors

2. *English Historical Linguistics 2008. Selected Papers from the Fifteenth International Conference on English Historical Linguistics (ICEHL 15), Munich, 24–30 August 2008, Volume I: The History of English Verbal and Nominal Constructions*, ed. by Ursula Lenker, Judith Huber & Robert Mailhammer. [*Current Issues in Linguistic Theory*, 314.] Amsterdam: John Benjamins.