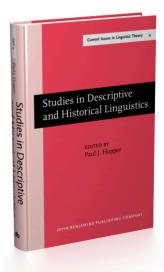
# **Foreword**



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#### FOREWORD

This volume of articles is intended as a present to Professor Winfred P. Lehmann on the occasion of his 60th birthday. As it happens, the withdrawal of the original publishers from their agreement has caused us to miss this target date by one year. The plan of the <code>Festschrift</code>, however, has not changed: to illustrate through the range and quality of these studies the enormous breadth of Professor Lehmann's scholarship and the importance of his achievement over four decades — from the late 1930s to the present — in a brilliant career which shows no sign of diminishing.

No biography, no long personal encomium will be found in this volume: the acknowledgement of the authors represented here and Professor Lehmann's own publications will speak for themselves. Nonetheless, we cannot refrain from mentioning the repeated expressions of praise in letters from the authors and from other scholars who, for a variety of reasons, were sadly unable to contribute. Nor can we forget the moving and witty speech of tribute made by Professor Ladislav Zgusta at the birthday celebration in honor of Professor Lehmann at the Linguistic Institute held at the State University of New York, Oswego, N.Y., in summer 1976.

Numerous people have helped in the production of this volume. We must first thank the authors who, after the project had lain dormant for a considerable time, responded so generously to our appeal for camera-ready copies of their manuscripts. The editorial advice of E. F. K. Koerner was most valuable during the later stages. We are grateful, too, for the help of Robin Barron, Pamela Cohen, and Stephanie Piester.

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Paul J. Hopper

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