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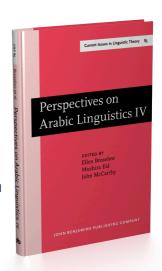
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On March 2-3, 1990 the Fourth Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics was held at Wayne State University in Detroit. The symposium was sponsored by the Arabic Linguistic Society, Wayne State University's Department of Near Eastern and Asian Studies, Office of the Dean of Liberal Arts, and Linguistics Program, together with the University of Utah's College of Humanities, Department of Languages and Literature, and Linguistics Program.

A total of 16 papers were presented at the symposium; of these, 11 are published in this volume. The papers presented at the symposium were selected on the basis of an anonymous review of abstracts submitted to the Program Committee. The papers inleuded in the volume were further reviewed by the editors before their final acceptance for publication.

The transcription of all Arabic materials in the body of the papers follows the International Phonetic Alphabet or standard equivalents. The Arabic emphatics, however, are represented by a dot underneath the symbol, and long vowels as sequences of two vowels. The transliteration of Arabic names and titles follows accepted formats, with some simplification in the use of diacritics. We have used 'and for hamza (glottal stop) and 'ayn (pharyngeal approximant), respectively. In quoted materials we followed the original text.

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