

Foreword

The studies included here were presented as papers at the Third Indo-European Conference, held at the University of Pennsylvania on April twenty-first through twenty-third, 1966. As at the previous two Indo-European Conferences, held at the University of Texas in 1959 and at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1963, the contributors were invited to treat specific subjects centering about one general theme in Indo-European studies. The theme of this third conference was Indo-European and Indo-Europeans. This topic suggested itself to the organizers principally for two reasons. It is, first, a natural follow-up to the subject of the second Indo-European Conference, which centered about the dialectal distribution of Indo-European languages. The present theme also reflects, we believe, an encouraging fact about what must be considered a true renaissance of Indo-European studies in the United States. This is the renewed interest being shown in the study of Indo-European languages for what information they can yield concerning the culture, social structure, and beliefs of the peoples who spoke them as well as the migrations of these peoples and their contacts with other, non-Indo-European populations. The subjects of the studies as well as their treatments by individual authors speak for themselves in showing the wide fields of interest and the approaches used in dealing with the materials. Previous works used in the present studies also give an encouraging proof of a sense of continuity in Indo-European linguistic scholarship. We are witnessing not an abandonment of older work in favor of newness for its own sake, but a renewed interest in a field which for some time lay dormant and the application to these studies of refinements resulting from new materials and insights.

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*For various reasons the following papers could not be included in the published results of this conference: E. Adelaide Hahn, *The Supposed Indo-European Construction in name*; Eric P. Hamp, *Armenian ner*; Paul Kiparsky, *Problems of Greek Phonology*; and Alexander J. Kerns and Benjamin Schwartz, *On the Identification of Indo-European Languages*.

