Editor’s notes

This volume is a birthday present. The papers of this volume have been written by linguists and honorary linguists, all of whom owe something to the celebratee, Professor László Varga, who retires on his 70th birthday. The authors are or were his students, colleagues, friends, or any combination of these. There are many other friends and colleagues who could not afford to contribute a paper, but have sent their warmest congratulations to “Laci”, as we know him.

The papers cover a wide range of topics, from phonetics to phonology, from syntax to semantics, from cognitive approaches to philosophical ones, from the history of English and of linguistics to online dictionaries, and further. The language of the contributions was not set in the call for papers; as it happens three are in Hungarian, the rest are in English, thus accessible to a wider audience.

The volume was first published as a website (seas3.elte.hu/VLxx, ISBN 978-963-284-315-5). The current version was generated from the html files of that site. This is the excuse for some of the typographical blunders. The tag clouds at the beginning of each paper were created by Tagul (tagul.com). The publication of the paper version was made possible by a grant from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, which we here acknowledge with gratitude. Thanks are also due to Orsolya Mandl and Péter Siptár for spotting many typos in the manuscript. It is the reader’s task to mark those that still remain.

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