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## Foreword

*Aleš Bičan*

The present issue of Linguistica ONLINE is a double issue. This means that it acts as Issue One and Issue Two. Reasons for this are two-fold. First, it was the amount of articles submitted and prepared for the issue. The number of pages in this issue virtually reaches 90. The second reason is technical and personal: the present editor would not have been able to prepare a new issue in time (i.e. for April 2006) and hence decided for this solution. This means that the next issue, Issue Three, will appear in July 2006.

The issue can be viewed as a net of dichotomies. There can be many on-the-one-hand's and on-the-other-hand's perspectives how to approach the collection of articles in this issue.

Several generations of linguists meet here. On the one hand, there are papers by young and daring linguists, on the other, many venerable and experienced linguists lent us their works. Surely, all of them have their own potential, and though age adds on experience, it need not have any impact on quality.

It is probably merely a coincidence that the first group of linguists specializes on synchronic studies. But perhaps not. Long are gone the times when diachronic studies were deemed to be the only serious focus of a linguist. With de Saussure and the synchronic premise, the focus shifted to synchrony. But this certainly does not mean that diachrony should be depreciated. Yet there is a certain imbalance: while synchronic understanding of a language is thought as fruitful for diachronic study, the reverse is usually viewed with a suspicion.

Although other dichotomies may be mentioned, there is one thing, one aspect that connects and bounds all the articles in this issue: the city of Brno. It is especially the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University one group of linguists is associated with, and the Etymological Department of the Institute of Czech Language of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic where the other group resides (which is another of those dichotomies). There are and have been certain intersections. The present editor has had a chance to taste the inspiring atmosphere of both the linguistic working places.

Many people speak about the Prague School of linguistics. It is a widely acknowledged term among linguists. Unfortunately, one will seldom hear anyone speak about the Brno School, though its importance may be as significant. We can witness here what

linguists call contamination: the Brno School has been contaminated by the Prague School. But this contamination should not be viewed with a grudge: it is thoughts that actually matter, not location, not even nationality.

Brno is a place where linguistic thoughts have always thrived. It is a grievous pity that technical and political circumstances often prevented, in the past, the world from learning about works by Brno (and usually by the majority of Czech) linguists. The city, and in particular its University, is a place where linguists such as Josef Vachek or Jan Firbas worked and taught. One is regarded as an important representative of the Prague School of phonology; the other is connected with so-called Functional Sentence Perspective.

But these are not the only fields studied in Brno. For a very long time the city has been connected with the study of etymology and diachronic linguistics in general. Indeed, we will not exaggerate when we say that it has become one of the world's centers of etymological studies<sup>1</sup>. I am glad to present a taste of Brno etymology in this issue.

There are papers by members of the Etymological Department of the Academy of Sciences: Iлона Janyšková, Helena Karlíková, Žofie Šarapatková and Pavla Valčáková. Though her paper is not strictly etymological, Eva Havlová is also a member of the Department. Likewise with Bohumil Vykypěl: he is in addition much interested in glossematics and his paper attempts to use one of its methods on a diachronic problem. In fact, it is a curious feature of Brno that its linguists show an acute interest in Hjelmslev's glossematics (about which I wrote in Preface to Introductory Issue of Linguistica ONLINE).

The reader should not be misled that the two other papers dealing with etymology are labeled as reviews. Both of them are written by Václav Blažek, a prominent member of the Department of Linguistics of the Masaryk University. Though conceived as reviews, they are as potent as regular articles.

The rest of the articles are largely synchronic in nature, all except for the paper by Radoslav Večerka where the distinction is not of importance. Moreover, all these papers are written by people from the Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University. Ondřej Šefčík is head of the Department of Linguistics, though also working in the Etymological Department. Radim Sova is one of the post-graduate students of the Department of Linguistics, and Markéta Ziková and Pavel Caha are post-graduate students of the Department of Czech Language of the same university. Finally, Radoslav Večerka is Professor Emeritus of the Department of Linguistics.

All these papers provide a sample from the wide scope of interests of linguists in Brno.

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<sup>1</sup> Brno is also a place where an international etymological conference *Etymologické symposion* is held, organized by the mentioned Etymological Department.

When above I spoke about significant Brno linguists and unfortunate political and technical circumstances, I had one particular person in mind whose significance, though not always acknowledged, is beyond doubt. It is late Professor Adolf Erhart. In addition to reverence the present editor feels to the person, it is no coincidence that this issue of *Linguistica ONLINE* has been dedicated to the memory of Adolf Erhart.

Had the threads of the fate been spun differently, Adolf Erhart would have celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Ten years ago, in 1996, to honor his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, a bundle of articles were written and dedicated to him, and published in *Sborník prací filozofické fakulty brněnské univerzity* (A44). Majority of them are reproduced in this issue. Papers by Ilona Janyšková and Helena Karlíková are explicitly dedicated to Adolf Erhart. Papers by Žofie Šarapatková and Pavla Valčáková were dedicated to him, too, though it was not expressly mentioned. Other papers of the issue of *Sborník* may appear in a future issue of *Linguistica ONLINE*<sup>2</sup>. All the mentioned linguists worked with Professor Erhart on *Etymologický slovník jazyka staroslověnského* (1989ff.) [Etymological Dictionary of Old Church Slavonic].

Even other linguists in this issue are connected with Adolf Erhart. Ondřej Šefčík uses some of his methods and concepts, and follows him in teaching Sanskrit and Indo-European linguistics at the Faculty of Arts. Bohumil Vykypěl has devoted much of his research time to Erhart and is currently preparing an edition of some of his articles. Last but not least I should mention Radoslav Večerka. He was not only Erhart's friend, they also worked together to produce probably the best introduction to etymology: *Úvod do etymologie* [Introduction to Etymology]. Unfortunately, the book has remained untranslated to date but a new, revised and expanded, edition of the book is being prepared. Hopefully, it will come a day when the book is translated into one of the major languages. May this wish be extended to other books where Adolf Erhart showed his extensive and profound knowledge of etymology, Indo-European linguistics and in fact thoughtful mastering of linguistics as such.

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<sup>2</sup> The paper "Indo-European 'Lamb'" by Václav Blažek, also dedicated to Adolf Erhart, was already published in *Linguistica ONLINE* and can be found at this address:  
<<http://www.phil.muni.cz/linguistica/art/blazek/bla-002.pdf>>