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Foreword

Aleš Bičan

The present issue of Linguistica ONLINE offers several previously unpublished papers. Though they were or are to be presented elsewhere in certain modifications, they have not yet been published in the form as they appear here. We are particularly happy for the article by Miroslav Černý. The author submitted his paper to our journal, which we warmly welcomed. After anonymous peer-reviewing and the author's feedback we could accept it and publish it. We hope this will be a sign for other linguists who would like to offer their works to our journal. We are heartily welcoming any contributions!

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Miroslav Černý's article "On the Function of Speech Acts in Doctor-Patient Communication" offers, to quote from his annotation, "both quantitative and qualitative interpretation of main functions of speech acts in doctor-patient communication". It is an extensive analysis of the pieces of communication between doctors and their patients. The article is based on a chapter from the author's Ph.D. thesis, which was recently published as *Sociolinguistic and Pragmatic Aspects of Doctor-Patient Communication* in Ostrava, Czech Republic, 2007.

The paper "Studie k dokladům českých místních jmen na *-any* v 11.-13. století" by Michaela Čornejová is a study of Czech place-names ending in *-any*; the data were taken from Czech of the 11th to 13th century. The material is carefully analyzed, compared, and findings are presented in detail. Originally, the paper was a lecture read on a conference *Setkání mladých lingvistů* in Olomouc, Czech Republic, in 2005. Čornejová took the liberty to correct and update the text. Its German modification was already published in *Österreichische Namenforschung* 34 (2006).

The article by Sunil Kumar Bhatt "Indefinite and definite tenses in Hindi: Morpho-Semantic aspects" is a semantico-morphological analysis of the Hindi verbal system, especially a comparison of the verb *honā* "to be" with the rest of the verbs.

Also the article by Svetislav Kostić "Indic $\sqrt{D\bar{A}}/DAD-$, $\sqrt{DH\bar{A}}/DADH-$ and Slavic $\sqrt{D\bar{A}}/DAD-$, $\sqrt{D\bar{E}}/DED-$ " is from the field of Indo-Aryan studies. It focuses on the process of reduplication in Slavic and Indic languages.

The last two articles were both submitted to Linguistica ONLINE, an electronic journal of the Department of Linguistics and Baltic Languages of the Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, and *Sborník prací filozofické fakulty brněnské univerzity*, a printed series of the same faculty. The appearance of the latter is imminent.

The issue is concluded with a reprint of a review by Václav Blažek.