

Preface

The First Central European Conference in Linguistics for Postgraduate Students (CECIL'S 1) was held at the Faculty of Humanities of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary, on 29–30 August 2011. The conference encompassed the core fields of modern linguistics and sociolinguistics, with special focus on languages spoken in Central European countries, and their comparison with other languages. Conference participants presented a total of 36 papers (21 talks and 15 posters) over the course of the two beautifully sunny days, with keynote presentations by Prof. Caroline Féry and Prof. Katalin É. Kiss. The current volume contains 19 selected papers delivered at the conference.

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