

Preface

The Second Central European Conference in Linguistics for Postgraduate Students (CECIL'S 2) was held at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary, on 24–25 August 2012. 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 39 papers (17 talks and 22 posters) over the course of the two beautifully sunny days, with keynote presentations by Shinichiro Ishihara (Goethe Universität Frankfurt) and Christopher Piñón (Université de Lille 3). The current volume contains 15 selected papers of those delivered at the conference.

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