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Preface

The volume of the SKY yearbook that you now have in your hand is both the biggest and the most international to date. We have also tried to make it more pleasing to the eye by using the same style and font throughout.

This volume has been inspired by two events organized by the Linguistic Association of Finland during the autumn of 1992. The first event, held at Mekrijärvi in the easternmost part of Finland, was a workshop on the syntax of spoken language. This topic is represented by two articles in the current volume: one by Auli Hakulinen and the other by Knud Lambrecht, who, as one of the invited speakers, played a central role in the workshop. We hope that the impact of this workshop will also be reflected in future volumes of SKY.

The second event was held in Helsinki: a symposium on Language and Context organized by the Association to mark its 15th anniversary. Of the 16 contributions to this yearbook, 12 are the result of this symposium. As the present volume shows, the general topic of the symposium can be approached from a wide variety of angles ranging from a detailed investigation of the interactions of logical meaning and pragmatic inference to the critical analysis of the use of language in politics and the mass media. Two of the articles were written by linguists who were guest speakers at the symposium: Laurence Horn and Deirdre Wilson. Contributions by Finnish linguists to the Symposium include the collection of articles in the section entitled *News Reporting, World Crises, and Ideology* based on MA theses by students of English at the University of Helsinki.

In the Discussion and Squibs section, Timo Haukioja and Martti Nyman take a critical look at fundamental issues in generative linguistics. We look forward to further debate and discussion on the issues addressed in this section or on any topics of current interest to the wider linguistic community.