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Preface

We would like to open the 7th volume of SKY on a provocative note by echoing the sentiments of a question asked by the Estonian-American linguist Ilse Lehiste at the end of a recent visit to Finland: "Why isn't anyone working on phonology in Finland?" We realize that there are many reasons why all directions of linguistic research cannot be evenly represented in a small country, but in line with the role of the Linguistic Association of Finland, we invite everybody with a potential interest in this area to be provoked in a positive sense.

This same question was on the minds of the SKY board when they decided to organize a course on phonology as the main event of 1993. The two eminent phonologists invited to teach the course — John Harris from University College London and Harry van der Hulst from the University of Leiden — contribute to this volume with articles discussing recent theoretical developments in generative phonological theory. Their contributions are followed by an article on consonant harmony by a Finnish phonologist, Pirkko Kukkonen, who takes a comprehensive look at a phonological phenomenon typically encountered in language acquisition and language disorders. The remainder of the articles in this volume address various topics: Markku Filpula and Anneli Sarhimaa look at contact-induced change with reference to Irish English and Karelian, Marja Leinonen discusses the semantics and pragmatics of the perfect tense, and Martti Nyman's article is concerned with basic issues in the theory of language change.

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