

Editors' foreword

Tibor Laczkó is celebrating his 60th birthday this March. This special anniversary has occasioned this Festschrift, which we dedicate to Tibor, our colleague and friend.

Tibor has an interest in generative grammar in general and in Lexical-Functional Grammar in particular. He has played an essential role in introducing LFG to Hungarian linguistics, and he has also been central in introducing Hungarian data to the international LFG community. He is an active member of both communities, and his research activities, as well as his versatile services to the profession have gained him wide and well-deserved reputation. Besides his work as a grammarian, he has also worked on the computational implementation of Hungarian and English grammar, and on the teaching of Hungarian and English as foreign languages.

His linguistic interests cover a wide range of topics, with a primary focus on Hungarian and English. He has worked on various aspects of the syntax of the Hungarian noun phrase, with special regard to possessive constructions, nominalizations, relational nouns, and ellipsis within the noun phrase. Many of his publications feature the grammar of participial constructions, and he has also dealt with finite and non-finite subordination. He has also made important contributions to the study of particle verb constructions, complex predicate formation, copula constructions and the grammar of negation. In 2017, he defended his dissertation *Aspects of Hungarian Syntax from a Lexicalist Perspective* for the degree Doctor of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, which is a culmination point summing up his research achievements.

But one culmination point is a springboard for the next one, and reaching 60 is just an occasion to look around during the climb. The contributors of this volume, colleagues and friends of Tibor (in part, his former students) have gathered to celebrate this occasion. We hope these papers will be of interest to a wider linguistic audience, and, most importantly, we also hope these papers will raise or renew Tibor's interests in linguistic issues that will trigger many more years of (joint) linguistic work and discussion.

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We all wish Tibor a very happy birthday and many more years of success.

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