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EDITORIAL PREFACE

"Linguistica Computazionale" is very pleased to publish the Proceedings of the workshop on «The Possibilities and Limits of the Computer in Producing and Publishing Dictionaries», organized by the European Science Foundation in Pisa, May 1981. The Standing Committee for the Humanities of the ESF entrusted the organization of the workshop to a Scientific Committee composed of O. Reverdin (chairman), B. Quemada, H. Spang-Hanssen, A. Zampolli and S. Pratt (secretary).

The workshop was attended by 36 national delegates from 18 Member Associations affiliated to the ESF and by 6 invited experts from North America.

The Proceedings open with the text of the introductory lecture by B. Quemada, who illustrated the themes, problems and scientific objectives of the workshop. Since the workshop was organized as an open discussion on different topics, it was decided to publish the other articles in alphabetical order. The papers by L.T. Lentz «An integrated computer-based system for creating the Dictionary of the Old Spanish Language» and by A. Michiels, J. Mullenders, J. Noël «Les Dictionnaires-grammaires informatiques de l'anglais et leur exploitation dans le projet Longman-Liège», both presented at the workshop, already appeared in the first number of "Linguistica Computazionale" (1981), issued in concomitance with the workshop.

On behalf of the University of Pisa and of the Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale we should like to thank all those who contributed to the organization and success of the workshop: the Honorary Committee; the Standing Committee for the Humanities of the European Science Foundation, and in particular the Italian Representative Francesco Della Corte, president of the National Advisory Committee for History, Philosophy and Philology of CNR, whose help made possible the organization of the workshop in Pisa, and John Lyons, who in the opening session discussed the relationship between linguistics, lexicology and lexicography: the Scientific Committee with Bernard Quemada, who first promoted this meeting and guided the discussions and Sandra Pratt, who coordinated the contacts with the Member Organizations; the Local Organizing Committee, and all those institutions which contributed to the organization of the workshop. Finally, we must express our gratitude to the European Science Foundation for its contribution to the publication of these Proceedings.

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