

Introduction

- *Est-ce qu'elle reviendra ? [...]*

- *Oui, oui.*

Juliette sembla rassurée. Sans doute ignorait-elle cette spécificité linguistique : en mathématiques, plus par plus font plus, alors que le mot oui multiplié par deux équivaut toujours à une négation.

Amélie Nothomb (Les Catalinaires, Livre de poche, 1997, p. 95)

The present volume contains a selection of 10 articles from presentations delivered at the International Conference on Comparative Romance Linguistics, held at the University of Antwerp September 19-21, 2002 in honor of Liliane Tasmowski. The organisation of the conference, as well as the publication of the present volume would not have been possible without the generous support of the Fund for Scientific Research Flanders and the University of Antwerp, to which we want to express our gratitude.

The articles in the present volume deal with different arrays of linguistic research subjects within the field of comparative Romance linguistics, going from the internal and external syntax of adjectives and adverbs (Abeille & Godard, Boucher, Haegeman, Mathieu) over the CP-TP area, the syntactic distribution and the status of subjects found in that area (Alboiu, Barrie & Frigeni; Cornilescu, D'Alessandro & Alexiadou; Paoli) to the development of discourse and pragmatic markers (Manoliu) and the status of prothetic vowels in French creoles (Avram). In fact, just as the previous volume (*Traiani Augusti Vestigia Pressa Sequamur*, Padova, 2000), the present one is a reflection of the diversity of topics Liliane Tasmowski has been working on, covering many problems in syntax, semantics, pragmatics, but also in phonology and morphology of all major Romance languages.

Although today Liliane Tasmowski is still heavily involved in many research projects, we are sure that she will find the time to study each of the articles in this volume and let the authors benefit from her precious insights and comments.

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