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Foreword

Avec ce numéro, les Cahiers linguistiques d’Ottawa célèbrent leur 30e anniversaire. Au nom du département, j’aimerais adresser mes félicitations les plus sincères à l’équipe de rédaction, non pas uniquement à celle qui a présidé à la réalisation du présent numéro, mais aussi à tous ceux et celles qui, au fil des années, ont travaillé, quelquefois dans des conditions difficiles, à la réalisation des CLO. Ces trente années de publication constituent une belle réussite dont le mérite revient surtout aux étudiantes et étudiants diplômés du Département. Ils peuvent en être fiers.

The publication of this special anniversary issue is an opportunity to congratulate the long stretch of students who, for the past 30 years, have worked tirelessly to produce a working paper series which is recognized as being highly valuable to the Linguistics community in Canada and North America. These students have not only arranged for articles to be reviewed and worked on the financial side of producing a journal but have also endeavoured to encourage their fellow students to contribute articles. In addition, they have worked to make CLO more and more physically as well as intellectually appealing. As well, they have encouraged scholars in North America and beyond to send contributions to the journal. As a result, CLO can proudly take its place among the growing number of influential working paper series in Linguistics.

Puissent les CLO poursuivre leur belle carrière. Leur feuille de route au long de ces trente années est le garant d’un avenir prometteur.

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In view of its exploratory nature, Chomsky's 'minimalist' model has undergone multiple changes,
triggering in response numerous proposals that are consistent with the tendencies that it follows
or anticipates, and numerous proposals that offer alternatives to it. A good illustration of the
variety of 'parallel' proposals is provided in the present volume. The articles derive from papers
read at the "Challenges of Minimalism" session of the Open Linguistics Forum, held in Ottawa, in
March 1997. This OLF meeting started as a graduate student initiative, but because of the topic
chosen, attracted a wide and international audience. The twenty contributions are grouped in five
sections: I. Syntactic Structure, Relations, Operations; II. Syntactic Movement: Cyclicity,
Optionality, (Non)overtness; III. Case, Topic, Focus, Interrogativity; IV. Ellipsis, Reconstruction
and Related Phenomena; V. DP's: Features and Syntactic Relations.

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