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Avant-propos Foreword

Avec ce numéro, les *Cahiers linguistiques d'Ottawa* célèbrent leur 30^e 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.

Puisse 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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The Minimalist Parameter

Selected papers from the Open Linguistics Forum,
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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. DPs: Features and Syntactic Relations.

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