

## **Preface**

In the Fall of 1382 (2003), for the first time ever, ICOLLT (Iranian Conference on Linguistics and Language Teaching) was held in Tehran at Tarbiat Modarres University to bring together students and scholars who have been working on language related issues for many years with little knowledge of each other's works. Fortunately, ICOLLT continues to be held and ICOLLT3 will be hosted by Razi University of Kermanshah in 1384 (2005).

In 1382, we were extremely pleased that our students could finally meet and hear many of the researchers whom they knew only through their publications. It was also a great pleasure for us to see so many brilliant and capable researchers and colleagues whose contributions made the conference a great success.

This publication is the product of a call for papers to the presenters who wished to have their works published after the conference. A rigorous selection process was necessary and led to the choosing of 23 papers written in English which follow.

The majority of the papers presented in this volume deal with the teaching of (foreign) languages. Volume 1 included papers written in Persian and Arabic which were mainly focused on various aspects of (Persian) linguistics. However, in this volume there is also an important number of contributions in Linguistics. We have included some exceptional papers in such diverse areas as Syntax, Methodology, Sociolinguistics, etc. as well. The French and Russian sections also include five and two articles respectively.

It is, in fact, this diversity as well as the intrinsic quality of the presented papers that make this collection so interesting. We wish to thank all our contributors for their scholarly researches.

We are so grateful to every one who participated in the conference, and specially, to those who made this conference possible by devoting their time and energy to its organization. We would also like to thank Tarbiat Modarres University and SAMT which financially contributed to the organization of the event. It was actually SAMT that made this publication possible. We thank SAMT people (too many to name here) all for their great concern and help.

Finally we would like to thank our editors (also from SAMT) who read the papers meticulously; and this is the result of their efforts that we have the pleasure of presenting the papers to you.

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