

Three climaxes

First Climax of the year 2008 was *the third meeting of the International Council (IC)* Wednesday 5th of March through Tuesday 11th of March. For six whole days centre staff and various combinations of IC members discussed the work of the centre in 2007 and prepared for the presentations to be delivered at the various congresses later in 2008, in particular Sociolinguistics Symposium 17 (SS 17, cf. below). The IC construction has contributed decisively to the success of the center through the three IC meetings. IC 3 was no exception.

Second, the center contributed to the SS 17 (April 3-5, 2008) in a number of ways. Some of us presented separate papers (Frans Gregersen, Torben Juel Jensen and Søren Beck Nielsen, Inge Lise Pedersen) but more importantly the center staff was involved in no less than three workshops, two of which had been planned by centre staff in collaboration with prominent colleagues. Jens Normann Jørgensen collaborated with Vally Lytra from the Rampton group at King's College London to give the audience an overview of Multilingualism and identities across contexts: Turkish-speaking youth in Europe; Janus Møller and Normann Jørgensen presented papers at this workshop. The papers from the workshop were published in advance by the two convenors as a special issue of Copenhagen Studies in Bilingualism. Normann Jørgensen has also published a paper on this subject in the highly prestigious *International Journal of Multilingualism*. Tore Kristiansen and our visiting professor during the first half of 2008, Dennis Preston acted as convenors of two sessions presenting evidence on 'The Macro/Micro of language attitudes, ideologies and folk perceptions'. The workshop featured Tore Kristiansen and Nicolai Pharaos joint paper presenting the Danish evidence on attitude and language change in real time, as well as Marie Maegaard's paper on social meaning potential as this may be disclosed by verbal guise experiments. Finally, Tore Kristiansen contributed to a workshop organized by Jannis Androutsopoulos on interfaces between media, speech and interaction.

The third and final climax has to do with the all important theme of the year 2008, getting the center from the data collection mode to the analysis and dissemination mode. I want here to single out only one important achievement: putting together a special issue of the international journal *Acta Linguistica Hafniensia* devoted to presenting significant results of the various subprojects. The papers were all subjected to review by Danish and international peers, most of the papers being commented upon by two independent peers. The journal ALH has been disseminated by various Danish publishers since 1937 but it will hopefully shortly be taken over by Routledge/Taylor and Francis. We aim at publishing the special issue in June 2009 just in time for the International Congress of Language Variation in Europe which will take place in Copenhagen at the end of June.

Attitudes and use

* clear difference
= unclear difference

'official' ideology	adolescents' attitudes			use vitality
	conscious	subconscious		
		superiority	dynamism	
rigsdansk	local	Conserv.	Modern	Modern
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local	rigsdansk	Modern	Conserv.	Conserv.
*	*	*	*	*
københ.	københ.	Local	Local	Local

Among the papers in the packed volume we find Tore Kristiansen's summary of the language attitude studies carried out at the Centre. The studies demonstrate convincingly that there is a very systematic, and obviously extremely important, difference between the language attitudes disclosed by verbal guise tests when informants are aware that they are being asked about language and when they are not focused on language. In the figure this is summarized, showing that the modern variant is seen as 'dynamic', while the conservative way of

speaking is still seen as 'superior' in the subconscious mode whereas the conservative variant and often also the regional one reign supreme in the conscious mode.