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PREFACE

The 23rd North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-23) was organized and hosted by the University of Oregon on June 17-19, 2011.

A total of 153 abstracts were submitted to the conference organizing committee. The abstracts were reviewed and rated by the NACCL-23 Scientific Committee (Susan G. Anderson, Marjorie K.M. Chan, Ying Chen, Scott DeLancey, Agnes W.Y. He, Zhuo Jing-Schmidt, Vsevolod Kapatsinski, Lizhen Peng, Chaofen Sun, Hongyin Tao, Liang Tao, and Janet Xing), and a total of 98 proposals were selected for presentation, and 83 presentations were actually made at the conference. The presentations represented 102 scholars from China, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, and the United States. Topics ranged from psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics to discourse analysis and corpus linguistics, from historical linguistics and Buddhist text translation studies to sociolinguistics and dialectology, from phonetics and phonology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics to second language acquisition and language pedagogy.

Five internationally renowned scholars gave keynote speeches at the conference. They were Prof. Walter Bisang (Johannes Gutenberg University), Prof. Ina Bornkessel-Schlesewsky (University of Marburg), Prof. Chu-Ren Huang (The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), Prof. Agnes He (SUNY Stony Brook), and Prof. Fu-xiang Wu (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences).

Included in the NACCL-23 Conference Proceedings are 38 of the presented papers, divided into two volumes. Volume 1 consists of five parts: Part I Corpus Linguistics, Part II Historical Linguistics, Part III Phonetics and Phonology, Part IV Psycholinguistics, and Part V Second Language Acquisition. Volume 2 consists of five parts: Part I Semantics and Pragmatics, Part II Sociolinguistics and Socio-pragmatics, Part III Studies on Regional Varieties of Chinese, Part IV Syntax, and Part V Translation Study of Buddhist Sutras.

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