

Foreword

The first Mediterranean Morphology Meeting (MMM) was held in Mytilene, Greece, in 1997. Since then, the conference has been organized biannually in various locations around the Mediterranean. The original founders and organizers were Geert Booij (Leiden University), Angela Ralli (University of Patras), and Sergio Scalise (University of Bologna). As of 2013, organization is in the hands of Jenny Audring (University of Leiden), Nikos Koutsoukos (Université catholique de Louvain / University of Patras) and Francesca Masini (University of Bologna). MMM12 was made possible thanks to the excellent local organizing committee chaired by Christina Manouilidou (University of Ljubljana).

The aim of MMM is to provide a focused and informal setting for morphologists to present and discuss their work. The single-session setup guarantees maximal interaction between researchers, and gives young linguists the chance to present their work at a conference of moderate size, where fruitful contacts with senior linguists can be established. Twelve meetings –in 1997 (Mytilene, Greece), 1999 (Lija, Malta), 2001 (Barcelona, Spain), 2003 (Catania, Sicily), 2005 (Fréjus, France), 2007 (Ithaca, Greece), 2009 (Nicosia, Cyprus), 2011 (Cagliari, Sardinia), 2013 (Dubrovnik, Croatia), 2015 (Haifa, Israel), 2017 (Nicosia, Cyprus) and 2019 (Ljubljana, Slovenia)– have proven the success of this formula.

In good tradition, this volume continues the MMM Online Proceedings series with a selection of papers presented at MMM12, which took place June 27-29, 2019 in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The topic of the conference was “The nature of morphological generalizations: rules, patterns, schemas and analogy”. Keynote speakers were Olivier Bonami (Université Paris Diderot), Susan Olsen (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) and Boban Arsenijević (Institute for Slavic Studies, University of Graz).

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