

## THE FIFTH BULGARIAN GRAMMAR FORUM

According to an already established tradition, in 2018, the Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin* hosted the fifth edition of the Bulgarian Grammar Forum.

Each year, the Forum is jointly organised with one of the leading universities in Bulgaria where linguistic studies are conducted. The co-organisers of the 2018 installment were the *Konstanin Preslavsky* University of Shumen and the Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin* at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

The event took place on 18 and 19 October 2018, thus becoming the first two-day edition of the Forum. The topic *The Dynamics of Syntactic Ideas at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* was suggested by linguists from the *Konstanin Preslavsky* University of Shumen. The Forum brought together more than 100 linguists from Bulgaria and abroad who met at the Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin* to share knowledge about new developments and ideas related to Bulgarian syntax in the context of the development of syntactic theories.

The Forum provided a lively discussion on issues related to the description of syntactic structures in Bulgarian and studies on contemporary syntactic theories. The discussion focused on the following main topics:

- What are the tasks, challenges and expected results of the research in modern syntax?
- Where is the dividing line between traditional and modern syntax and in what cases should one be preferred over the other?

The focus of the delivered talks and discussions was predominantly on syntactic issues, but morphological and semantic problems related to syntax were also addressed.

Plenary talks were given by: Prof. Ivelina Savova (*Konstanin Preslavsky* University of Shumen): *Syntax and Hypersyntax*; Prof. Elena Ivanova (*Saint Petersburg* State University): *Grammatical Categories in the Structure of the Subordinate Clause: Context-dependent Displacement and Reinterpretation in Bulgarian*; Prof. Svetla Koeva (Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin*): *A Typology of (Restrictive and Non-Restrictive) Clauses in Bulgarian*; Prof. Yovka Tisheva (*Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski*): *Marking*

of *Syntactic Relations in the Simple Sentence: Prepositional and Noun Phrases*; Prof. Mila Vulchanova and Prof. Valentin Vulchanov (Norwegian University of Science and Technology): *Lexical Semantics and Grammar: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*.

Other notable talks were delivered by: Prof. Petya Osenova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski): *Explicit and Implicit Links in the Modeling of Syntactic Relations*; Prof. Velka Popova (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen): *Syntactic Innovations in Bulgarian Child Language*; Prof. Radka Vlahova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski): *Post-Positive Noun Phrase Expansion – Some Semantic and Syntactic Questions*; Assoc. Prof. Petya Barkalova (Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski): *The Bulgarian Syntactic Tradition and Syntactic Analysis in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*; Assoc. Prof. Marina Dzhonova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski): *Doubling of the Relative Pronoun KOYTO in Bulgarian*; Assoc. Prof. Galina Petrova (Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov University): *Subordinate Attributive Da-Clauses in Bulgarian: Habitual and Modal Meaning*; Assoc. Prof. Dimitrina Lesnevska (University of National and World Economy): *Syntactic Features of Bulgarian and Russian Business Letters (in a Contrastive Perspective)*. A couple of talks introduced the audience to new syntactic theories or syntactic theories that were born ahead of their time – notably the contributions of Assoc. Prof. Petya Nestorova (University of Food Technology): *A Modern Theory in Bulgarian Syntax at the Turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century* and Assist. Prof. Elisaveta Balabanova (University of Library Studies and Information Technologies): *Thomas Ernst's Syntax of Adjuncts – a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Linguistic Theory*. During the afternoon session on 18 October, young researchers also presented their work: Dimitar Georgiev (Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski): *Formal Description of Complex Sentences with Subject Clauses in Copula-adjacent Position*; Assistant Stanislava Teofilova (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen): *Observations on the Word Order of the Combination of Agreeing and Non-agreeing Modifiers in the Simple Sentence (Based on Material from Bulgarian Colloquial Speech)*.

The Forum was the most appropriate place for the presentation of the *Proceedings of the Jubilee Scientific Session on Contemporary Trends in Linguistic Research Held on the occasion of Prof. Yordan Penchev's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*. The participants in the Forum received copies of the Proceedings.

In addition to the scientific programme, a students' exhibition was held during the Forum for the first time. The event titled *Syntactic Trees – Images of Thought* organised by Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin featured syntactic structures generated by undergraduates and doctoral students at Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski and at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.

In the 2019 Supplement to *Balgarski ezik* readers will have the opportunity to read papers based on the talks delivered at the Forum by the following linguists: Prof. Ivelina Savova from the Konstantin Preslavski University of Shumen, Prof. Elena Ivanova from the Saint Petersburg State University, Prof.

Svetla Koeva from the Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin*, Prof. Yovka Tisheva from Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Prof. Petya Osenova from Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Prof. Velka Popova from the *Konstanin Preslavsky* University of Shumen, Prof. Radka Vlahova from Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Assoc. Prof. Marina Dzhonova from Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Assoc. Prof. Dimitrina Lesnevska from the University of National and World Economy, Assoc. Prof. Petya Nestorova from the University of Food Technology and Assist. Prof. Elisaveta Balabanova from the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies.

The fifth edition of the Bulgarian Grammar Forum has fully achieved its goals: not only to propose solutions and present achievements, but also to provide an opportunity for sharing views and creating an environment for an open conversation about the place of syntax in linguistic research.

The sixth edition of the Bulgarian Grammar Forum will be dedicated to *Grammatical Systems in Synchrony and Diachrony* and will be held in October 2019. It is organised by the South-West University *Neofit Rilski* and the Institute for Bulgarian Language *Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin* and will take place at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

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