

TENTH FORUM ON BULGARIAN GRAMMAR

THE SPOKEN LANGUAGE PHENOMENON

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The 10th edition of the Forum on Bulgarian Grammar, titled *The Spoken Language Phenomenon*, was held in Sofia on 20 and 21 October 2023. The Forum was organised by the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Department of Bulgarian Language at the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen. It was dedicated to one of the most distinguished Bulgarian linguists of our time – Corresponding Member Prof. Dr. Todor Boyadzhiev.

The Forum opened with congratulatory addresses delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Konstantin Kutsarov (Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv), Prof. Dr. Maria Ilieva (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Krasimira Aleksandrova (SS. Cyril and Methodius National Library), Prof. Dr. Gergana Dacheva (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), Prof. Dr. Sc. Magdalena Panayotova (South-West University Neofit Rilski), Prof. Dr. Dimitar Popov (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen) and Prof. Dr. Luchia Antonova-Vasileva (Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin).

The main topic of the Forum involves the exploration of a wide range of theoretical and applied problems spanning the areas of phonetics (the branch of science studying the articulatory, acoustic, functional and perceptual aspects of human speech), orthoepy and related spelling issues; speech transcription systems; prosody (stress and intonation); lexical and grammatical features of spoken language and child language; lexical and grammatical features of territorial dialects; stylistics (language competence and linguistic genres); corpus linguistics (the craft of compiling spoken language collections); communication (patterns and means of communication in various situations, including interaction over the Internet); the application of speech science in education, the media and forensics

(speech profiling); speech disorders and speech therapy. The main discussion was centred around (but not limited to) the following issues:

- Major trends in the development of Bulgarian colloquial and standard spoken language and the study of the interaction between colloquial and literary language;
- Features of spoken communication and its importance in education, every-day interaction and professional realisation;
- Features of media and colloquial language used on the Internet and their impact on the development of colloquial and standard language.

The aim of the Forum was not (only) to give definitive answers, but to encourage the sharing of views and putting forward of assumptions and, continuing the established tradition, to create an environment for an open discussion of the issues of spoken language.

32 of the talks given at the Forum are published in this instalment of the Supplement of *Balgarski ezik*.

The working programme on the first day of the Forum was organised in three sections, opening with four plenary talks: *Speech and Speech Science – Subject Matter and Linguistic Description* by Dimitar Popov (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen), *Variation in the Realization of Bulgarian Intonation* by Bistra Andreeva (University of Saarland) and Snezhina Dimitrova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), *Recognised and Non-recognised Problems in Orthoepy (A Language Consulting Perspective)* by Milen Tomov (Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) and *Data on the Changes in the Unstressed Broad Vowels in the Bulgarian Territorial Dialects* by Luchia Antonova (Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences).

The second and the third session included six talks each, presented by Krasimira Aleksova, Denitsa Dimitrova and Laska Laskova, Bilyana Radeva-Gezenchova, Krasimira Petrova, Yuliyana Stoyanova, Vladimir Naydenov, Georgi Zhechev (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), Mitko Sabev and Bistra Andreeva (University of Saarland), Zhaneta Andreeva (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen), Irina Sedakova (Institute of Slavic Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences), Bilyana Martinovski (Lund University, Sweden), Katya Issa (University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy).

The second day of the Forum opened with a couple of plenary talks: *On Some Childhood Language Disorders: Early Childhood Autism, Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome* by Evelina Grigorova (Josefinum KJF, Germany) and *Perceptual Recognition of the Duration of Serbian Affricates and Fricatives* by Silvana Punišić, Slavica Maksimović and Ivana Stanković (Research and Development Life Activities Advancement Institute, Institute for Expe-

rimental Phonetics and Speech Pathology, Belgrade, Serbia). The morning session included presentations by Maria Voeykova (Institute for Linguistic Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences), Velka Popova (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen), Yovka Tisheva and Marina Dzhonova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), Verka Sasheva (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo), Radoslav Tsonev (South-West University Neofit Rilski). The afternoon sessions featured talks by Marieta Tsvetkova (New Bulgarian University), Tatyana Aleksandrova, Iliyana Garavalova, Simeon Stefanov (Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Science), Silvia Koeva (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo), Krasilina Koleva-Kostova and Hristiana Krasteva (Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv), Stefka Aleksandrova (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen).

The Tenth Forum on Bulgarian Grammar was dedicated to Corresponding Member Prof. Todor Apostolov Boyadzhiev. Vladimir Zhobov (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski), Dimitar Popov (Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen), Anna Choleva-Dimitrova and Vasil Raynov (Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) paid tribute to the eminent Bulgarian linguist in the commemorative closing session. In their talks they recalled biographical details from his life, highlighting his scientific contributions, showcasing his work and sharing personal memories and impressions.

A concise chronology of the previous editions of the Forum is given below.

First Forum *Meaning and Structure in Language: Means of Representation* organised by the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 27 November 2014.

Second Forum *Grammar and Pragmatics* organised by the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 19 November 2015.

Third Forum *Functional Grammar – Achievements and Prospects* organised by the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 20 October 2016.

Fourth Forum *Interdisciplinary Studies in Bulgarian* organised by Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 26 October 2017.

Fifth Forum *The Dynamics of Ideas in Syntax at the Turn of the 21st Century* organised by the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 18 October 2018.

Sixth Forum *Grammatical Systems in Synchrony and Diachrony* organised by the South-West University Neofit Rilski and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 17 October 2019.

Seventh Forum *Innovation Processes in the Grammar of Contemporary Bulgarian* organised by the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 22 October 2020.

Eighth Forum *Predication, Predicates, Predicatives* organised by Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 21 and 22 October 2021.

Ninth Forum *The Theory of Parts of Speech – Tradition and Prospects* organised by the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 20 and 21 October 2022.

The Tenth Forum titled *The Spoken Language Phenomenon* brought together scholars from the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. Lyubomir Andreychin, the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, the South-West University Neofit Rilski, New Bulgarian University and the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy.

Foreign scientists from the University of Saarland (Germany), the Institute of Slavic Studies and the Institute for Linguistic Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Lund University (Sweden) and the Institute for Experimental Phonetics and Speech Pathology (Serbia) also took part in the Forum.

The recordings of the talks delivered at the Forum are available on the YouTube channel of the Institute for Bulgarian Language *The Written Word Remains. Write correctly!*

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