

## GUEST EDITOR'S NOTE

This is a collection of selected papers from the Government Phonology Round Table (GPRT) of 2009, held at Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Piliscsaba, Hungary, as part of a series of semi-informal annual meetings, revived, after a four-year silence, in Nova Gorica in 2008.

The GPRT had originally started out in 1997 as a bilateral discussion forum between Government Phonologists in Vienna and Budapest and, in the years 2002–2004, it developed into a regular gathering of a relaxed atmosphere, organized each spring by the local teams of Vienna and Budapest by turns, and attracting speakers and audience from all over Europe to inspiring discussions both inside and outside the conference room. The rebirth of this tradition was witnessed by the participants in Nova Gorica in 2008 and Piliscsaba in 2009, as well as more recently in Ljubljana in 2010.

The present volume is meant to provide a snapshot of some of the latest work done in Government Phonology and, indeed, it includes papers all of which represent new directions and novel prospects for phonological theory. They have immensely benefited from the discussions at the GPRT as well as the remarks and comments of the volume's reviewers, Alex Bellem, Katalin Balogné Bérces, András Cser, Sam Hellmuth, Dániel Huber, Jonathan Kaye, Krisztina Polgárdi, Markus A. Pöchtrager, Tobias Scheer, Geoff Schwartz, Samir Ben Si Saïd, Szilárd Szentgyörgyi, Péter Szigetvári, Shanti Ulfsbjorninn, and Sašo Živanović. Both the authors and the guest editor hope that, twenty years after the issue of *Phonology* devoted to GP [Phonological government, guest editor: Jonathan Kaye, *Phonology* 7:193–351] and thirteen years after the first informal meeting of phonologists from Vienna and Budapest, later to become known as GPRT1, the publication of this volume will prove another major landmark in the history of Government Phonology.

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