

## FOREWORD

Working Papers 21 from the phonetics section of the linguistics department of Lund University honours KERSTIN HADDING, the founder of the series.

In her last seminar as an active professor, in December 1979, she talked about her life as a phonetician. She has been persuaded to make a written version of this talk, which appears as the first paper.

The rest of the contributions reflect our recent and present research activities. The papers on prosody by Bredvad-Jensen, Bruce, Gårding & Bruce, Bruce & Willstedt, and Prohovnik, were presented at the Second Conference on the Prosody of Nordic Languages in Trondheim, June 1980. Some of them are off-shoots of the project Swedish Prosody.

Kerstin Naucclér and Ewa Söderpalm read their paper on 'slips' at the Montreal Congress of Applied Linguistics.

Gårding's *Optimal Teaching of Swedish Pronunciation* and Bannert & Hyldenstam's *Problems of Understanding and Being Understood* are connected with project work on foreign accents in Swedish. The optimization project has now been completed. The results were published in numbers 1, 3 and 5 of *Praktisk Lingvistik*, available through our department.

There are two new contributors, Antonis Botinis and Lea-Liisa Lahti. Their papers are results of a much appreciated course, *The nature of features*, given by Mona Lindau-Webb during the fall semester.

I conclude this foreword by summarizing the main events since the beginning of 1980.

Bengt Mandersson has joined our staff. He is a telecommunications engineer and is now developing new programs and methods for speech synthesis.

Two PhD theses have been defended, *Perspectives on Misspellings* by Kerstin Naucclér and *Some Swedish Sibilants* by Per Lindblad. Claes Christian Elert and Sven Öhman were the opponents. The dissertations appear as numbers XV and XVI of *Travaux de*

*l'Institut de Linguistique de Lund.*

Two symposia were held at our department. The 7th Swedish Danish symposium for graduate students, June 1980, was organized by Gösta Bruce. The second was arranged by Bengt Sigurd to inaugurate our new building and in connection with my installation. It took the form of a panel debate on the theme: "How far can the speech sciences reach?" David Ingvar, Mona Lindau-Webb, Ulrika Nettelbladt, Nina Thorsen and Sven Öhman were on the panel, chaired by Sigurd.

Gösta Bruce arranged and led an all-Swedish Conference on prosody at the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm in January 1981.

On the undergraduate level about 115 students will have completed the first and second-term courses by the end of the spring term from 1980.

There are at present 15 third-term students and 10 graduate students.

Apart from the regular courses at the undergraduate level two graduate courses were given, one on prosody in the fall of 1980 by myself and one on perception in the spring of 1981 by Anders Löfqvist.

In addition to two longer stays by Mona Lindau-Webb we have enjoyed visits and talks from

1980	Linda Waugh Ithaca	The multifunctionality of speech sounds
	Mats Hedelin Göteborg	Hur ser datorn på tal?
	Ragnhild Söderbergh Stockholm	Modell för analys av inter- aktionen barn-vuxen
	George Allen Colorado	The development of rhythm in children's speech
	Henning Wode Kiel	An integrated view of language acquisition: L1, L2, L3 ....
	Ivãn Fõnogy Paris	Prosodic expression of emotions Comparative studies of prosody: French, Portuguese, Hungarian etc.
	Laura Dascãlu Bukarest	Question intonation in Rumanian
1981	Peter Wittenberg Nijmegen	Informal seminar

Peter Ladefoged Los Angeles	On divorcing phonetics from phonology
Lori Taft Amherst	Informal seminar
Roger Lass Edinburgh	R-sounds in modern and old Germanic
	The status of historical linguistics
Hiroya Fujisaki Tokyo	Informal seminar
Alan Bell Colorado	Isochronic Perception
Eli Fischer- Jørgensen Copenhagen	50 år med fonetik och fonetiker
Ilona Kassai Budapest	Acquisition of prosody in Hungarian

The Humanistic and Social Sciences Research Council, group 9, Linguistics, visited us in March. Projects supported by the Council reported on their progress in a seminar led by Jan Svartvik.

Antti Iivonen and a group of speech pathologists and phoneticians from Helsinki came to see us in April. We had a joint seminar with summaries and discussion of our research activities.

We have continued a long-standing tradition of meeting with our colleagues from the phonetics department in Copenhagen. We were in Copenhagen when Paul Kiparsky visited them, and Eli Fischer-Jørgensen, Jørgen Rischel and Nina and Oluf Thorsen came to Lund for a seminar about methodological problems.

One final note: our laboratory has moved from one historic part of Lund to another. Our former site at Kävlingevägen was part of the fields where the Danes fought with the Swedes to win back Skåne, which had been lost by the peace treaty of 1658. The present location on Helgonabacken was once the abode of the famous wicked giant, Finn. His raid against the church and his subsequent petrification are described in a poem by Esaias Tegnér (1829), see the frontispiece. The drawing is by Oscar Reutersvärd.

Lund, May 1981

Eva Gårding