

**The 19th International Conference of the Department of Linguistics:
Romanian in a Romance Setting
(Bucharest, November 22-23, 2019)**

The conference began with a workshop on *Theory and Linguistic Theories. The Role of Theory in Present-day Romanian Linguistic Research*, followed by the opening of the proceedings – presentations and lectures on 21 November. The Department of Linguistics and the Odobescu Hall hosted the participants' registration, works by sections, book launches.

The description of the conference proceedings was made by personalities of Romanian linguistics and culture: professor Emil Ionescu, Dean of the Faculty of Letters in Bucharest, professor Mircea Micu, corresponding member of the Romanian Academy, together with the Rector of the University of Bucharest. Prof. Rodica Zafiu, Ana-Maria Barbu and Alexandru Nicolae moderated the debates over papers covering interesting topics from a scientific point of view: the demands of science, presented by Alexandru Gafton from Iași, motivational linguistics, argued by Nicolae Saramandu, researcher at the Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti Institute of Linguistics and corresponding member of the Academy. As Keynote Speaker, professor emeritus Alexandra Cornilescu presented in the plenary session a paper on a topic covering two areas: syntax and semantics, more precisely syntactic categories and semantic types. Assoc. prof. Ioan Milică marked Ferdinand de Saussure's contribution to Romanian linguistics.

The workshop on *Syntactic Variation in Romance* took place simultaneously, and two plenary lectures were noted: Andreas Dufter, *Latinate' Syntax in the History of French and Spanish*, and Alexandru Grosu, *Externally, internally and doubly headed relatives in Japanese: shared & distinguishing properties, and compositional analyses*. The books launched on this occasion are either collective or single contributions: Adina Dragomirescu, Oana Niculescu, Camelia Ușurelu, Rodica Zafiu (ed.), *Proceedings of the 18th International Colloquium of the Department of Linguistics: Romanian and Romance Languages*, Publishing House of the University of Bucharest, 2019; Gabriela Pană Dindelegan (ed.), *Syntax of the Old Romanian Language*, Bucharest, Univers Enciclopedic Gold, 2019; Alexandru Nicolae, *Word Order and Parameter Change in Romanian. A Comparative Romance Perspective*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2019, etc. Many papers were presented within the Grammar and Phonetics Sector, where the participants approached topics of diachronic syntax, deverbal nominalizations, the status of adverbs and adjectives, etc.

The field of lexicology, semantics and terminology was well represented by presentations of Romanian linguistics personalities: Florica Dimitrescu, *Names of occupations of women and men in the sixteenth century*, and Adriana Stoichițoiu Ichim, *Recent Anglicisms in Romanian and French occupational terminology*, together with numerous professors and researchers with well-known concerns in the lexico-semantic

fields, in the specialized vocabulary, such as prof. Angela Bidu-Vrănceanu, in semantics and etymology: prof. Cristian Moroianu, or in phraseology: prof. Liviu Groza. External descriptive terminology was supported by the presentation of Elena Museanu, Cristina Niculescu-Ciocan or Alexandru Dan Anghelina.

Romanian research was also enhanced by the presentations in the sections *History of Romanian. History of Literary Romanian. Dialectology. Etymology*, those in the *Pragmatics. Stylistics* section, or the presentations related to the didactics of the Romanian language: *The Acquisition of Romanian as a Foreign Language*.

The participation of many professors and researchers from different universities and research institutes in such an event has become a tradition among Romanian scientific events. Every year, through such conferences, the University of Bucharest gathers experienced people and young Romanian and foreign researchers, who justly confirm their passion for and originality in linguistic research.