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Introduction

Following the tradition of several other EURALEX congresses, we have prepared the proceedings volume before the conference, to make sure that all participants have access to a written version of the presentations, at the conference.

Although this is a convenient procedure for the participants, there is a price to pay: the time available for the preparation of the proceedings is rather short, especially for layout and proof-reading. A few errors may have subsisted and the homogenizing of different electronic source formats may even have led to a few new ones. We would like to apologize for such infelicities at this point, and we hope that they will be compensated by the richness in new and interesting results of the present proceedings.

This Ninth EURALEX International Congress differs slightly from some of its predecessors, in that it is organized around a few more specific topics, in addition to the main topics of any EURALEX conference. This organization is reflected by the chapters of this book. Moreover, papers of different length (short papers of typically 6 to 7 pages, long papers of ca. 11 pages) have been included; software presentations are also based on (short) papers – their titles are preceded by the indication “Software Demonstration”.

The chapters of this book and the sessions of the conference are structured as follows:

- Plenary papers (ordered in this book according to the sequence of presentation);
- Internet Lexicography, Lexicography for Natural Language Processing, Corpora and Tools for their exploitation;
- Dictionary Making and Dictionary Use;
- Lexical Combinatorics;
- Bilingual Dictionaries;
- Linguistic Description in Dictionaries;
- Terminology and Terminography.

The actual sections of this book are more fine-grained, roughly corresponding to the sessions held at the conference (with papers in alphabetical order of the first author’s name).

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We hope that this book will be interesting and useful for all participants of EURALEX 2000, and beyond.

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