INTRODUCTION

The character of this Proceedings 14 of the Institute of Phonetic Sciences of the University of Amsterdam is different from the preceding volumes. We considered it desirable and informative to incorporate in this volume our "Institute's Profile" with up-to-date information about our institute and our research activities.

Apart from this "Institute's Profile", Proceedings 14 contains a number of contributions concerning current research projects. These papers represent our two main research fields:

- PERCEPTUAL AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIATION AND INVARIANCE IN SPEECH
- SPEECH COMMUNICATION: DEVELOPMENT AND PATHOLOGY

For your information a list of personnel is included, as well as a list of our publications in 1989 and 1990.

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