EDITORIAL

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The papers on current research projects in this Proceedings, most of which are part of the Amsterdam Graduate Research Institute IFOTT (Institute for Functional Research into Language and Language Use), 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 of our Institute is included, as well as a list of our publications in 1995 and 1996. All texts of this Proceedings 20 will also be available on our World Wide Web server: http://fons3.let.uva.nl

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