DEDICATION

This volume is dedicated to our friend, Petr Karlík. The papers in this volume relate to aspects of Petr's work and are presented to him with great pleasure on the occasion of his 65th birthday.

We would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to him for being a source of inspiration, a true friend and a supportive person who keeps showing us what linguistics is about. What we like about Petr is his respect for empirical data, his ability to discover interesting empirical patterns and his awareness of and openness to theoretical frameworks. His unrelenting desire to find connections between empirical patterns and theoretical assumptions has been inspirational in our own work. To the great pleasure of those around him, Petr's academic qualities are accompanied by a lively intellect, a cheerful personality, directness, and on occasion a refreshingly blunt comment or two.

Last but not least, it is thanks to Petr that Brno and, in turn, the Czech generative community has been constantly growing. His interest in linguistics made it easy to create a welcoming atmosphere. He has always worked hard to create opportunities for his students and never hesitated to send them abroad hoping they would come back one day. It is thanks to Petr that Brno has become a regular host of formal generative conferences and a lecture destination for many people in the field.

Dear Petr, please accept this volume as a thank you for everything you have done for us.

Happy birthday!

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