

FOREWORD

With the present volume we are happy to publish eight articles which represent well contemporary research areas in Samoyedology. The contribution by Irina KHOMCHENKOVA (Moscow) is devoted to a field which recently has received increased interest, namely the interference of native languages of Russia in the Russian of bilingual speakers. In this particular case, she looks not only for such interference in the Russian speech of Nganasans, but also includes the question of how these varieties can be distinguished from a former, Russian-based Taimyr pidgin.

The following articles aim at a better description of Samoyed languages on the base of recently developed corpora. Andrey SHLUINSKY (Moscow) presents an elegant and concise overview of the structure of the Enets noun phrase, taking into account both Forest Enets and Tundra Enets. Maria OVSJANNIKOVA (Saint Petersburg) contributes with a detailed investigation into the encoding of nominal possessors in Forest Enets. Both authors rely on data from a corpus to which they have substantially contributed themselves. Chris Lasse DÄBRITZ (Hamburg) observes word order variations and their information-structural motivation in North Samoyed languages as well as in Dolgan, a neighbouring Turkic language. His study is based on corpora from the Hamburg INEL project. Nikolett MUS (Budapest) investigates a particular interrogative verb of the North Samoyed languages, relying on data from the aforementioned corpora. And finally the Hamburg Selkup corpora are the base on Anja BEHNKE'S (Hamburg) cross-dialectal investigation into Selkup converb constructions.

The two articles in the end of the volume deal with historical sources of Samoyed languages: Nadezhda FEDOTOVA (Kemerovo) raises a new discussion of the value of the Selkup printings from the end of the 19th century by Grigorovskij and their dialectal affiliation, and the contribution by Marina LYUBLINSKAYA (Saint Petersburg) is an edition of a so far unpublished Tundra Nenets vocabulary from the 1920–1930s.

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The different corpora and research traditions figuring in this volume bring it with them that in the articles different transcription and transliteration principles are applied. While we strictly observed that the linguistic principles are followed we stood back from harmonizing the authors' choices except for minor adaptations.

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