

## Shorter notices

### **The Sixteenth ICAME Conference in Toronto, (25–28 May 1995)**

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In 1995 the ICAME conference was held outside Europe for the first time ever. The venue chosen was the University of Toronto; academic meetings were all at New College, whereas the participants were put up at three or four different locations.

The 1995 conference was hosted by Ian Lancashire, Charles Meyer and Carol Percy, who all did a marvellous job together with a local crew responsible for registration, technology, poster sessions and general conference service. All participants owe the local organizers our sincere thanks for a very fruitful and inspiring conference.

The conference was opened on 25 May by Heather Munroe-Blum, Vice-President, Research and International Relations, Donald Dewees, Assistant Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, and Brian Corman, Acting Chairman, Department of English.

In the course of the following three days, the conference covered the topics in Modern English Grammar, Lexicography, Diachronic Corpora, Dialect / Variation, Corpus Processing, Parsing and Computer Processing, and Corpus Software.

On the first day, a special section was devoted to the honouring of W. Nelson Francis and Henry Kučera for their pioneer work in modern corpus linguistics (see separate section in this Journal), and during the conference there was also a reception in honour of Sidney Greenbaum. Charles Meyer and Bas Aarts, both former students of Sidney Greenbaum, presented a book dedicated to him by the editors (Aarts & Meyer) and the contributors: *The verb in contemporary English. Theory and description* (CUP 1995).

As far as social events go, the harbour cruise and – especially – the

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visit to the CN Tower was in many ways a breath-taking experience. Those of us who were there will never forget looking down (!) 111 floors to ground level right below our feet.

Thank you once again to the 1995 hosts. A two-volume publication with papers from the conference will be published in 1996.