

IPA News

Publication of the *Handbook of the International Phonetic Association*

A contract has been signed with Cambridge University Press to publish the *Handbook of the International Phonetic Association*. The volume will be a resource containing concise information on the use of the International Phonetic Alphabet and guidance on how to use it. The draft text circulated in *JIPA* 25(1) has been edited by Francis Nolan based on comments received from readers. The *Handbook* will also contain the Illustrations of the use of the International Phonetic Alphabet for different languages, which have been published in *JIPA* since 1989, and Appendices with a variety of reference material including Principles of the IPA, computer coding tables for phonetic symbols, extended symbol usage, history, statutes and by-laws.

Members of the Association will enjoy extremely favourable, preferential discounts when purchasing the *Handbook*: 50% off for the hardbound volume, and 35% off for the paperback edition. final editing, assembly, and pricing of the volume will occur during 1998. Royalties from the sale of the *Handbook* will accrue to the IPA. Proposals to reproduce translations of the *Handbook* in other languages are welcomed, and will be licensed by Cambridge University Press on approval of the IPA.

IPA Council Election 1999

As prescribed in the by-laws of the IPA, the election of a new Council will begin in August 1998. The process will begin with nomination papers being sent out to all members in good standing, followed by the distribution of ballot papers and the election of 20 Council members, the nomination and election of 10 co-opted Council members, and the nomination and election of officers; finishing one month before the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences to be held in San Francisco in August 1999.

John H. Esling,
Secretary.

Obituary

Dr. Henry J. Warkentyne

Dr. Henry J. Warkentyne, a Life member of the IPA and Professor Emeritus with the Department of Linguistics at the University of Victoria, died suddenly on Feb. 28, 1997, in Victoria.

Born in Saskatchewan, Henry first came to British Columbia to work as a teacher after having served as a flight officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force. In 1952, he went to Japan where he became principal of the Canadian Academy in Kobe and then a teacher at Kwansei Gakuin University near Osaka. He earned his B.A. in English at the

University of Western Ontario, a diploma from the London School of Economics, and his M.A. in 1965 and Ph.D. in 1967 from University College London. He joined the Department of Linguistics at the University of Victoria in 1967 and retired in 1991.

His fields of research included Canadian English lexicology and phonology, Japanese, phonetics and speech acoustics. As chair of the Department of Linguistics in Victoria from 1977 to 1988, he was instrumental in establishing the Centre for Speech Technology Research. In 1989, he became chairman of the board of Speech Technology Research Ltd., a position which he filled actively until his death.

After his retirement, Henry returned to Japan and continued to serve as a university teacher. In 1996, he returned to Victoria and began work on a new acoustic phonetics textbook, a task that remains unfinished.

Henry was best known for his open and supportive attitude towards his students and colleagues. He was a patient teacher with selfless interests, encouraging and believing in the ability of all of his students. He was a friend and inspiration to us all, full of a great deal of human caring, and dedicated to phonetic research and to giving the best opportunity possible to those working in the discipline he loved so much.

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