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PREFACE

There is a change of editor for this twenty-sixth volume of the Work Papers of the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of North Dakota. The purpose of the series and general nature of the contents, however, remain the same. The six papers in this volume are reports of significant findings in research projects, written by SIL-UND faculty members or research students. They are data-oriented and, in several cases, contain a substantial amount of data from lesser-known languages or dialects that will be of special interest to scholars working in the field of linguistic typology and language universals. Some are concerned with theoretical issues or, at least, in showing how the data relate to certain aspects of current theories, especially Dik's Functional Grammar (Stewart and Bickford) and Perlmutter's Relational Grammar (Bickford, Gunn and Weaver). The languages reported here are all spoken in the Americas: Arawakan languages of Brazil (Derbyshire), a Quechua dialect of Peru (Stewart), a Chibchan language of Panama (Gunn), Spanish (Bickford, who is primarily concerned with theoretical issues) and Michif, the French-Cree language spoken in North America (Evans and Weaver). I am particularly happy to include the two Michif papers, since this language is spoken in North Dakota and has, for several years, been used in the field methodology course at SIL-UND. Both Evans and Weaver received their first exposure to Michif in that course in past summer sessions, and their further work, as reported here, makes a valuable contribution to our knowledge of this unusual language, with regard to both its phonology (Evans) and its morphosyntax, as affected by pragmatic and sociolinguistic factors (Weaver). Weaver's paper is the thesis she submitted for her M.A. degree.

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