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The joint meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-18) and the 22<sup>nd</sup> North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NACCL-22) was organized and hosted by Harvard University on May 20-22, 2010.

A total of 202 presentations by 252 researchers were given by researchers in the field, including talks from the following 10 invited speakers: Wolfgang Behr, Yang Gu, Jie Guo, Shoji Hirata, Hsin-I Hsieh, Shaoyu Jiang, Thomas Hun-Tak Lee, Paul Jen-Kuei, Li Jianming Lu, and Tsu-Lin Mei. The conference was further enhanced by keynote addresses given by 4 renowned scholars: Anthony Kroch, Y.-H. Audrey Li, Yen-Hwei Lin and Pang-Hsin Ting.

The presenters traveled from Japan, Hungry, Germany, Switzerland, Taiwan, and all over North American and China to Cambridge, Massachusetts to participate in the event. The diversity of topics was vast: researchers presented their work on synchronic and diachronic analysis of core linguistic subfields: phonetics, phonology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics. There were presentations on first and second language acquisition, as well as interdisciplinary work from the fields of sociolinguistics, dialectology, psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics.

These Conference Proceedings include 61 papers presented during the conference divided into two volumes. Volume 1 consists of six parts: Applied Linguistics; Diachronic Linguistics; Language Acquisition; Morphology; Phonetics and Phonology; and Psycholinguistics. Volume 2 consists of two parts: Semantics and Pragmatics; and Syntax.

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