## UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON Survey of English Usage ANNUAL REPORT 1988-89

## 1. The 30th anniversary

This academic year marks the 30th year of the Survey's existence. Randolph Quirk founded it at the University of Durham in 1959 and moved it the following year to its present home at University College London. Since 1983 Sidney Greenbaum has been Director of the Survey.

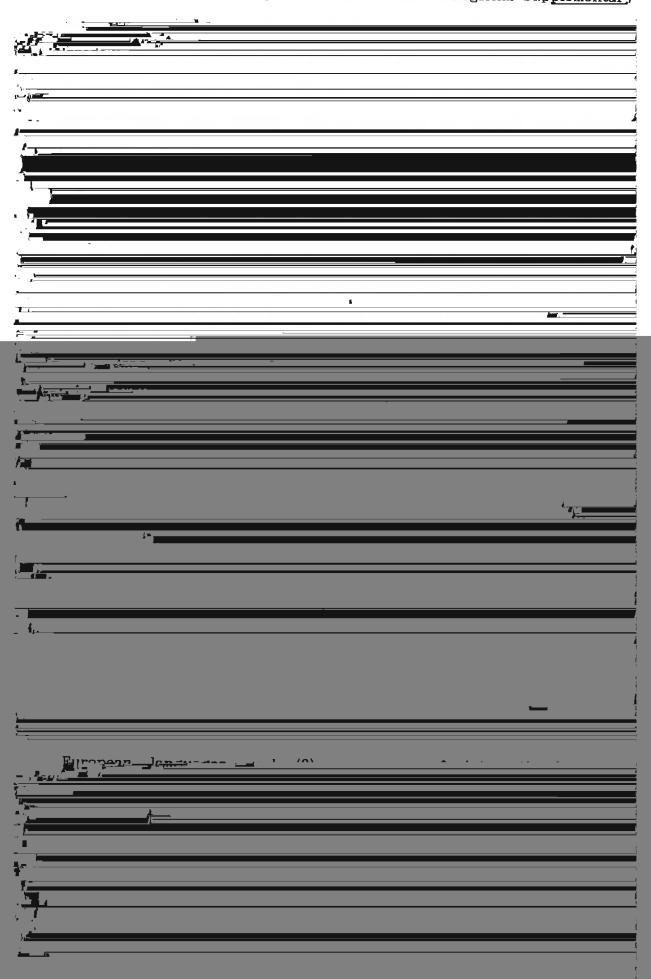
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who was awarded an MA in Modern English Language after taking the MA programme at University College, and Rudolph Spurling, who was awarded a BA in English from University College. Both of them were busy dealing with the backlog in the collection of prosodic and paralinguistic symbols on slips for filing. Fiona MacAlinden also typed and proofread texts in the reduced transcriptions on the computer, and was engaged in the collection of grammatical features. Rudolph Spurling is leaving the Survey to study for an MA in Old and Middle English at King's College.

Dr Jill Taylor and Rosalind Tricker completed the transcription from tape of the final texts and did some proofreading, and Rosalind

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be responsible for keeping the records of the Survey's progress and for filing new offprints and periodicals. He has taken charge of the BBC recordings from The Story of English.

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La Laguna (Spain), Isle of Man Postgraduate Centre, University College London, Royal Society of Medicine, and the Conference on University English (London), and gave several broadcasts by radio and television. He was elected to the Academia Europaea and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Sheffield.

Professor Sidney Greenbaum chaired a general session at the ICAME conference in Bergen as well as sessions of the ICE Advisory Board and participants. He completed his first year as Dean of Arts at

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Bas Aarts gave a paper at the autumn and spring meetings of the Linguistic Association of Great Britain.

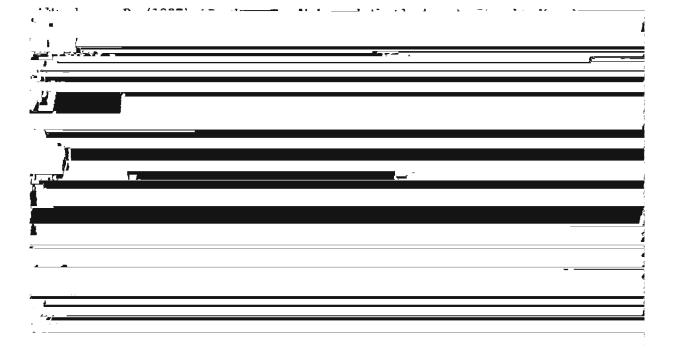
## 7 Publications

We draw attention to a new series from Mouton de Gruyter: Topics in English Linguistics, edited by Professor Jan Svartvik (English Department, Lund University) and Professor Herman Wekker (English Department, Groningen University). The series will be open to books on language varieties.

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