In 2014 the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin proposed the establishment of a Bulgarian Grammar Forum, an initiative which was embraced by leading Bulgarian scholars from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski, and the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo. The Forum provides an opportunity for linguists from Bulgaria and abroad to gather together once a year so as to present their achievements and to share ideas on issues related to Bulgarian grammar and general linguistic theory. Each year the Institute for Bulgarian Language has a different co-organiser – a Bulgarian university where research in Bulgarian linguistics is conducted. The organisers propose a topic for discussion and invite lecturers who give talks in the morning session. The afternoon session is devoted to short contributions on the main topic of the Forum by different scholars as well as to an open discussion. The goal is not (only) to propose ultimate answers, but to exchange opinions and to create a space for open conversation on issues related to Bulgarian grammar. The event is traditionally hosted by the Institute for Bulgarian Language.

The first Bulgarian Grammar Forum was held on 27 November 2014. It was organised by the Institute for Bulgarian Language, and the topic for discussion was Language Meaning and Language Structure: Ways of Representation. Issues related to the two major groups of grammar theories of language (formal and functional theories) were addressed. The discussion was oriented around the following main topics:

• Do the formal approach, which involves the application of consistent procedures for analysis and classification of linguistic units, and the pragmatic approach, where linguistic units are studied in terms of the communicative purpose of the utterance, stand in opposition to each other?

• Are there levels of study where one of the approaches should be favoured over the other or should common ground be sought between the two?

The 2014 Forum saw the gathering of distinguished scholars from the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, the Constantine of Preslav University of Shumen, the South-West University Neofit Rilski, New Bulgarian University and the Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov University. Talks were delivered by Stoyan Burov...
and Lilia Burova (Functionalism and Communicative Grammar), Petya Barkalova and Svetla Koeva (Phrase Structure Grammar and Dependency Grammar: Advantages and Disadvantages), Yovka Tisheva (Pragmatic and/or Formal Aspects of Word Order Patterns). Petya Osenova, Ivan Kasabov, Galina Petrova, among others, took part in the discussion.

The Second Bulgarian Grammar Forum was held on 19 November 2015 and its main topic was Grammar and Pragmatics. The Forum was organised by the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin and the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo. The discussion was focused on the following major issues:

• How do the context in a general sense and the linguistic competence interact in the process of communication?
• In what ways do the grammatical structure and the lexical system impact the expression of the communicative purposes of the communicators?

The first part featured talks by Ruselina Nitsolova (Some Contradictions in Applying Grice’s Communication Maxims), Stefana Dimitrova (Hierarchical Dependency between Grammar, Semantics and Pragmatics), Dafina Genova (Pragmatics Revisited: Communicative and Intercultural Pragmatics) and Stoyan Burov (The Pragmatics of Grammar or on the Pragmatic Choice of Grammatical Means. A Summary Analysis of the Observations of B. Y. Norman in his Book Linguistic Pragmatics (2009) Drawing on Material from Bulgarian Grammar). The afternoon session included communications by Milena Popova, Yovka Tisheva, Verka Sasheva, Yana Pometkova, Marina Dzhonova, Rusin Kotsev, among others. The publication of the proceedings of the Forum was launched: the talks and the communications delivered along with other studies related to the topic were printed in a volume titled Grammar and Pragmatics. Proceedings of the Second Bulgarian Grammar Forum. Veliko Tarnovo, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University Press, 2016.

The Third Bulgarian Grammar Forum was held by the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin and Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski on 20 October 2016. Its main topic was Functional Grammar – Achievements and Prospects. The discussion was centred on the achievements of prominent scholars working in functional grammar (A. V. Bondarko, M. Halliday, S. Dick, M. V. Vsevolodova, among others) and issues related to some of the theoretical considerations proposed by these linguists; the advantages of functional grammar in studying various linguistic (lexical and grammatical) categories and in language teaching. The following questions were explored:

• What are the mechanisms that govern the generation of the semantics of superordinate linguistic units from the meaning of the linguistic units that constitute them?
• In what way does the structure of linguistic units affect the meaning expressed by them?

The participants in the Forum included Bulgarian linguists from the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, the Constantine of Preslav University of Shu-
The Fourth Bulgarian Grammar Forum, held on 26 October 2017, was titled *Interdisciplinarity in the Studies in Bulgarian Language*. It was organised by the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin and Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski. The discussion encompassed questions related to the enhancement of the theoretical approaches and methods for studying the language system and to the expansion of the research paradigm by taking into account a broad range of extralinguistic factors which reflect social, psychological, cognitive and other peculiarities of language speakers. Various interdisciplinary approaches were discussed along with their interaction with major linguistic disciplines. The participants presented methods adopted from mathematics, logic and physics which are applied in research on semantics, grammar and phonology. The following general questions were also addressed:

- What qualifies as interdisciplinarity in linguistics and do sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, cognitive studies, neurolinguistics and computational linguistics employ research methods adopted from other sciences?
- What makes a linguistic study an interdisciplinary one and aren’t all contemporary linguistic studies interdisciplinary to a certain extent?

The participants included scholars from the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski, the St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, New Bulgarian University, the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies, etc. Main talks were delivered by Mihail Videnov (Some Aspects of the Theory of Literary Language), Encho Gerganov (Methodological Aspects of the Psycholinguistic and Interdisciplinary Research of Language) and Mila Dimitrova-Valchanova (Components of Language Competence and their Experimental Study). The afternoon session featured communications by Vehbie Balieva (Interdisciplinarity in Modern Studies of Bilingualism – a Possibility or a Necessity), Katya Issa (Refugee Associations and Lessons in Humanity), Krasimira Petrova (The Pic- togram Method in the Study of Concepts), Borislav Gueorguiev (Linguistic Anthropology as a Universal Interdisciplinary Approach to the Study of Language), Palmira Legurska (Interdisciplinary Mimesis, Science), Angel Angelov (Words as Sociolinguistic Markers), Krasimira Aleksova (Methods for Processing Empirical Sociolinguistic Data), Petya Barkalova (Sentence Structuro-
graphy – Re-equipping Syntax and Cutting across other Sciences) and Elisaveta Balabanova (An Interdisciplinary Approach to Identifying Sentences with Adjuncts (Based on a Corpus of XML Representations). Due to the great interest and the large number of submissions and in order to comply with the current trends in the evaluation of scientific research, the submitted talks were blind-reviewed by two independent reviewers. This issue of the Appendix of the Bulgarian Language Journal features all but one talks presented at the Fourth Bulgarian Grammar Forum.

Each year the Bulgarian Grammar Forum brings together more than 100 linguists from all over Bulgaria and provides a platform for sharing ideas and discussing topical and significant issues in Bulgarian linguistics and major general theoretical problems. Unlike scientific conferences, which may have a narrower scope or may be held on a particular occasion or anniversary, the Forum brings together scholars from the Bulgarian language departments of the Bulgarian universities and the Institute for Bulgarian Language Prof. L. Andreychin at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, which – not coincidentally – is the Forum’s founder and permanent co-organiser.