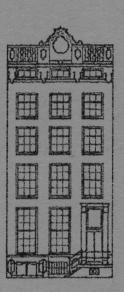
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INTRODUCTION

This Proceedings 9 contains nine contributions concerning current research projects of the Institute of Phonetic Sciences in Amsterdam. The papers are representative of three of our main research areas:

- Perceptual and physical description of variation and invariance in speech
- Speech development and pathology
- History of phonetics.

Three projects in the first domain are sponsored by the Netherlands Organization for the Advancement of Pure Research Z.W.O. Papers by Van Meurs, Weenink, and Ten Bosch in this volume describe parts of these activities.

The main activity in the second domain is a project sponsored by the Dutch Prevention Fund. The papers by Jansonius and Van der Stelt refer to that project.

In cooperation with the Institute for Perception TNO in Soesterberg we participate in an ESPRIT project (European Strategic Program for Research and development of Information Technology), called SPIN: Speech Interface at Office Workstation. Our main contribution is the evaluation of the quality of coded speech and of speech synthesized by rule.

Students participated in the on-going research projects and contributed to some of the papers in this volume.

For your information a list of personnel is included as well as a list of publications since Proceedings 8.

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