

## **PREFACE**

The 27th symposium of the University of Vaasa Translation Theory, Language for Special Purposes and Multilingualism Research Group (VAKKI) was held in Vaasa February 9-10, 2007. The conference theme was *Language and Life Stages*. The plenary speakers were Professor Geirr Wiggen of Oslo University, who spoke of the development of Norwegian linguistics over the past century, and Professor Ann-Marie Simon-Vandenberg from the University of Gent, who examined how the semantic-pragmatic relations between adverbs could be studied with the help of translations. Many other papers dealt with the theme of the conference from different perspectives, but there were also other papers on Translation Theory, Language for Special Purposes and Multilingualism. On the basis of the presentations, 27 papers have been gathered for this symposium publication.

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