

Preface

This book presents a selection of papers given at the Tenth International April Conference held at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków on April 20–22, 2005. It was the tenth meeting in a series of triennial congresses which have been organized by the English Department of the Jagiellonian University since 1978. This year, 130 scholars took part in the Conference, 110 papers were read, and almost 90 papers were submitted for publication.

The title of this book, “Language and Identity: English and American Studies in the Age of Globalization,” echoes the theme of the Conference. As usual, the wide scope of the Conference produced a great variety of papers which address the topic from many different perspectives. This book is the second of two volumes of Conference proceedings. While the first one contains papers on English and American literature and literary theory, this volume gathers language-related articles. The papers have been arranged into two groups: “Language and Culture” and “Language Learning and Teaching,” although in many cases they cross the boundaries of this simple division.

We would like to thank all the participants of the Conference, who made it such a successful academic event. Our special thanks go to the plenary speakers, who brought their expertise and wisdom to the conference and delivered illuminating lectures on linguistics: David Singleton of the University of Dublin and Hans-Jürgen Diller of Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Our special thanks go to the reviewers, who offered valuable comments which helped to improve the presented articles.

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The editors, as usual, accept full responsibility for any inadvertent errors that may have crept into this publication.

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