

P R E F A C E

This is the first number of a planned series of annual reports from the Institute of Phonetics at the University of Copenhagen. In the future we hope to send out a report each year in February covering the preceding calendar year. This first report, however, covers not only the year 1966, but also work done in earlier years by the staff members.

The Institute of Phonetics did not come into existence as an independent institute until December 1966, and the Laboratory for Experimental Phonetics was inaugurated about the same time. The present report thus comprises what may be called the "prehistoric period" of our Institute.

The reports will contain brief surveys of the courses given in the preceding year, and longer surveys of the research undertaken, in so far as it has reached a certain degree of completion. Work in progress which has not yet given clear results will be mentioned more briefly. Papers already printed elsewhere will only be mentioned in the list of publications, except when they have been published in Danish, in which case a short summary is given.

This first report contains a general introduction about the conditions of phonetic studies at the University of Copenhagen, and a survey of our instrumentation. In later reports only instruments purchased or built in the preceding year will be included.

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