# Presentation

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Twenty-four authors represent nine countries (Belgium, Brazil, France, Georgia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia and Ukraine), since, of the seventeen papers selected, some were written by more than one author. Brazilian authors constitute the largest number (eight), which is understandable, since the current ISAPL President and Secretary-Treasurer are Brazilians.

From the sixteen Congress Session Themes, nine were covered: Language and cognition (namely, deaf, sign language, segment awareness and reading evaluation); Language acquisition. Foreign language learning; Bilingualism and multilingualism; Language Disorders and Speech Pathologies (namely, aphasia). Phonoaudiology; Psycholinguistic methodology for the analysis of literary texts; Culture and society effects on language; Psycholinguistics perspective of Mass Media (MM). Ethical/negative effects of MM communication; Speech comprehension and production. Reading and writing and Awareness, emotion, memory in communication.

Some authores discuss current problems for the whole world, like Fake News (Lyubymova), aggression discourse (Krylova-Grek) and pandemic effects, determined by COVID-19 that has caused wide and intense impacts throughout society (Freire & Feraz), but some theorethical backgrounds are also influential in many papers, as, for instance, Lev Vygotsky's cultural-historical theory (Boccato, Krylova-Grek), Marshall McLuhan's media theory (Coulardeau, Krylova-Grek), T. Slama-Cazacu' contextual dynamic model applied to the analysis of literary texts (Nădrag & Gălbează) and Ufimtseva's associative-verbal network model (Evdokimova).

Lyubymova discusses the problem of maintaining peoples' cultural identity, threatened by the mass media invasion: Movie production proliferation has proved its powerfulness, imposing its hedonism morality and lust for pleasures sweeps away all moral barriers, with its promiscuous relations, alcoholism, drug-addiction and avidity, while Coulardeau raises intriguing questions such as Artificial Intelligence, and Smart Machines.

A great deal of space is devoted to experimental psycholinguistics, either with regard to processing of two-clause sentences (Santos Ribeiro), or validating tests (Pinheiro & Vilhena) and an early literacy system (Scliar-Cabral), or investigating the translation text reception cognitive processes, based on probabilistic and associative meanings (Panasiuk), or the processes

underlying good writing in Portuguese L2 and deepening reading understanding to enrichen writing (Lopes & Pinto).

Original topics, such, "Guided meditation" for learning English as a foreign language (Krylova-Grek), polyglottery: Alan Bigulov "10 languages in 1000 days" project (Nikulicheva) and dream phenomenon in discourse study (Dolidze & Sharabidze) are also presented.

Finally, an important contribution is the lecture given by Morais, in which he explores the themes modularity vs. interactionism; relations between the brain and the physical and mental activities; literacy role and impact on language and cognition; concepts status and origin, in particular, the mind concept. Morais argued that the triad "language, cognition, literacy" (LCL) is highly dependent on the history and culture of the human societies and deeply impacted by the social inequalities.

The Volume ends with a posthumous tribute to Prof. David Gotsiridze, the President of the 11th ISAPL International Congress, held in Tbilisi, Georgia, on June 27-30, 2016, who passed away, on January 14, 2022.

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