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Word stress has long presented challenges to phonologists, as they have sought to uncover patterns in its distribution, and to devise models to account for its behavior and formal representation, both within single languages and cross-linguistically. In this collection, a team of world-renowned researchers present a variety of viewpoints on the methods and problems involved. Offering fresh perspectives on the topic and its study, this book is specifically concerned with basing theoretical work on broad typological surveys and focuses on the collection, selection, and use of data in the analysis of word stress and word rhythm, including their phonetic manifestations. An extensive introduction presents a state-of-the-art review of stress research. The contributors also present StressTyp2, a project in an advanced stage of development, which intends to make information on word stress in a broad sample of languages publicly available, and will offer new ways of understanding this key research area.

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Preface

This volume contains 10 chapters that all originated from presentations at the First or Second Word Accent Conference held at the University of Connecticut on April 30, 2010 and December 3, 2011, respectively. The speakers that were invited for these events shared an approach, characteristic of this domain of study, which aims at the formation of theories (of word stress) that are based on broad typological and phonetic research. To enhance their intentions for future collaboration they all agreed to contribute a chapter to the present volume. These chapters in the form in which they appear here are not brief conference-style presentations, but solid contributions which have been updated, anonymously reviewed, and fully written for this volume. An additional introductory chapter provides an overview of stress theories and research, as well as a summary of the chapters in this book.