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### Tools for the CEEC languages, an overview

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"Translation Tools for the CEEC candidates for EU membership - an Overview"

- Terminologie et Traduction, vol. 1. 1998 (journal published by the European Commission's Translation Service)

### Translation tools for CEEC languages - Users

- CEEC users with basic knowledge of English (or French or German) do not need full translation, but <u>dictionary look up</u> - 'click on the word'
- EU users have no knowledge of Slavic or Finno-Ugric (Estonian, Hungarian) languages, and a primitive word-for-word translation can tell them at least 'what a text is about'

## <u>Translation tools for CEEC languages -</u> <u>**Developers/1**</u>

### <u>Commercial products</u>:

SMEs (Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises):
Filosoft (Estonia), Lex (Poland), Lingea (Czech Republic),
Abakus (Slovakia), MorphoLogic (Hungary), Amebis
(Slovenia)

- in cooperation with academic teams: Tartu University (Filosoft), Poznan Univ. (Lex), Brno Univ. (Lingea), Budapest Univ. (Morphologic)

## <u>Translation tools for CEEC languages -</u> <u>**Developers/2**</u>

### Research prototypes

Academic teams (Universities and Academies of Science):

- in cooperation projects with EU research teams : INCO-COPERNICUS projects (EU funding):
  - GLOSSER (Estonia, Hungary, Bulgaria with Groningen University and Xerox)
  - STEEL (Poland, Czech Republic with Xerox and Tübingen University)

### Commercial funding:

 DBR-MAT, funded by Volkswagen foundation (Bulgaria, Romania - with University of Hamburg)

## <u>Information sources/1</u>

### **General survey**

The Language Engineering Directory - A resource guide to Language Engineering organisations, products and services.

Compiled by Paul M. Hearn, 1998, published by Language & Technology, Madrid, Spain, for the European Commission, DG XIII/E, 402 pages.

http://www2.echo.lu/mlis/en/direct/home.html

## <u>Information sources/2</u>

### CEEC survey

ELSNET goes East (1995-97) - a European Commission funded project in the field of Natural Language and Speech.

Aim: to build a research infrastructure in CEEC and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union (C&EE/NIS), by extending a Western European network ELSNET.

Coordination: Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam.

# ELSNET Survey of Natural Language and Speech Organizations.

http://www.elsnet.org/publications/survey

#### <u>Bulgaria</u>

• Dept. of Artificial Intelligence, Institute of Information Technologies - Bulg. Acad. of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria.

### Czech Republic

- Dept.of Information Technologies, Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, BRNO.
- Department of Electronics and Signal Processing, SpeechLab, Technical University of Liberec, Liberec.
- Czech Language, University of Ostrava.
- Department of English and American Studies, University of Ostrava.
- Department of Computer Science, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen.
- Institute of Phonetics, Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague.
- The Institute of the Czech National Corpus, Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University, Prague.

### <u>Czech Republic (continued)</u>

- Department of Circuit Theory, SpeechProcessing Group, Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Electrical Engineering.
- Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Charles University, Praha.

#### **Estonia**

- Laboratory of Phonetics and Speech Technology, Institute of Cybernetics, Tallinn.
- Filosoft Ltd., Tartu.

### <u>Hungary</u>

• Department of Corpus Linguistics, Research Institute for Linguistics Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest.

#### <u>Latvia</u>

- Department of Methodology of Latvian Language and Literature, University of Latvia, Riga.
- SIA Tilde, Riga.

#### <u>Lithuania</u>

- Center of Computational Linguistics, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas.
- Speech Research Laboratory, Kaunas University of Technology.
- Department of Dictionaries, The Institute of the Lithuanian Language, Vilnius.
- Department of General Linguistics, Vilnius University.
- Department of Lithuanian Linguistics, Vilnius Pedagogical University.
- Department of Phonoscopic Examination, Lithuanian Institute of Forensic Examination, Vilnius.
- Recognition Processes Department, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Vilnius.

#### <u>Poland</u>

- Department of Applied Informatics, Technical University of Gdansk.
- School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan.
- Department of Transmissions Systems, Institute of Telecommunications, Warsaw University of Technology.
- Man-Machine Communication Group, Institute of Computer Science, Warsaw.
- Speech Acoustics Laboratory, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.
- Departent of Processing and Analysis of Acoustic Signals, Wroclaw University of Technology.

#### Romania

- Computer Science, Faculty of Mathematics, Bucharest University.
- Electronics and Telecommunications Department, Applied Electronics Group, Bucharest.
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Technical University of Bucharest.
- Communications Department, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca.
- Department of Computer Science, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca.
- Natural Language and Multimedia Department, INTERDATA, Iasi.
- Natural Language Processing Department, Computer Science Institute, Romanian Academy, Iasi.
- Department of Computer Science, "Politehnica" University, Timisoara.

#### <u>Slovak Republic</u>

 Department of Speech Analysis and Synthesis, Institute of Control Theory and Robotics, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava.

#### Slovenia

- Department for Intelligent Systems, Jozef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana.
- Laboratory for Digital Signal Processing, University of Maribor, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

**DG XIII** 

### **Institute of Formal and Applied** Linguistics

The Institute was established in 1990 after the political changes as a continuation of the research work and teaching carried out by the former Laboratory of Algebraic Linguistics since the early 60s at the Faculty of Arts and later at the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics. We ...[<u>more</u>]

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# <u>Translation tools for CEEC languages - Information sources/3</u>

- <u>TELRI II</u> Trans-European Language Resources Infrastructure
  - Concerted Action 1998-2001
    - partners from 9 EU and 15 CEEC/NIS
    - ◆ TRACTOR (TELRI Research Archive of Computational Tools and Resources:
    - Monolingual, bilingual, and multilingual corpora and lexica in i.a. Bulgarian, Czech, Dutch, English, Estonian, French, German, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Rumanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Uzbek.
    - <u>Corpus- and lexicon-related software</u> (parsers, taggers, morphological analyzers, corpus retrieval tools, concordancers etc).
    - Individuals and academic, public or industrial organizations can join the <u>TRACTOR User Community</u> (<u>TUC</u>) for a nominal annual fee of 50 EURO (Western Europe) or 20 EURO (rest of Europe).

<u>Coordinator: Wolfgang TEUBERT / Ann LAWSON</u>
<u>Institut für deutsche Sprache, Mannheim - http://www.telri.de</u>

### <u>Translation Experts Ltd. - products</u>

- Word Translator for Windows
- WordTran is an bi-directional electronic dictionary, spell-checker and word-for-word translator.
- InterTran™ Internet/Intranet/Extranet Translator
- Neural Translator for Windows (not released yet)
- NeuroTran is a high technology software intended for natural language processing

### <u>Translation Experts Ltd. - contacts</u>

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Rusanova 14 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia

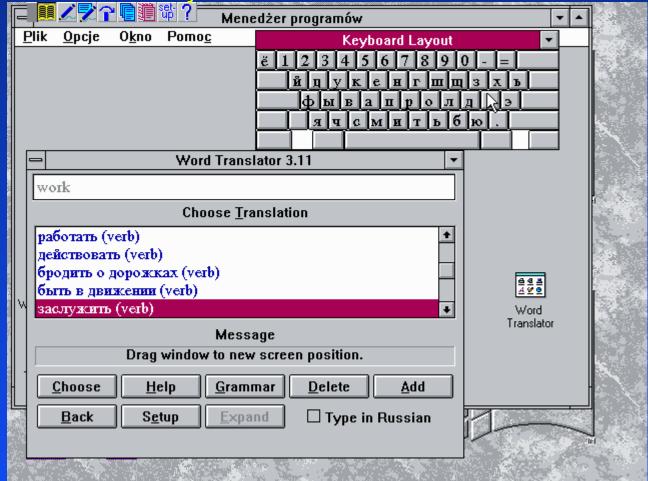
Tel/Fax: +385-1-221-980 Internet: Croatia@tranexp.com

Worldwide Web: http://tranexp.cro.net

+ distributors in Poland, Hungary a.o.

### **WordTran** English-Russian dictionary:

Russian translations of one English verb, with Russian keyboard displayed, which makes it easy to use even for those who are not used to it



Source: http://main.amu.edu.pl/ ~sipkadan/wt.htm

InterTran provides a browser-based interface to Translation Experts' translation dictionaries.

The system offers word, phrase and document translation from within email programs and web browsers.

The system allows you to add words and phrases to the translation dictionary to build a highly customised translation environment for your business.

Source:

http://www.translationexperts.co.uk/in info.htm

Russian (CP 1251)

**English** to Croatian, Hungarian, Polish, Czech, Slovenian (CP1250)

Serbian (Latin)

German to Polish, Hungarian Croatian

**Russian** to English, Hungarian

<u>Croatian</u> to English, German, French, Italian

Hungarian to English, German, Russian, Spanish, French

**Polish** to English, German

<u>Czech</u> to English

Serbian to English

Slovenian to English

French to Croatian, Hungarian

<u>Italian</u> to Croatian

Spanish to Hungarian

Source for language list + demo: http://www.tranexp.com/InterTran.cgi

#### English original:

Word Translator for Windows is an interactive translation and learning tool. It can help you to:

- Translate web pages written in East European languages such as Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Czech, Slovak, Bulgarian, Romanian, Hungarian, Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Macedonian, Slovenian, Albanian, etc.
- Translate e-mail messages to/from a foreign language.
- Read/Write letters, facsimile, reports and memos in a foreign language.

#### <u>Polish translation:</u>

Word Translator dla Windows jest [an] wzajemnie oddziaływujący tłumaczenie

- <a href="Przekładać, Konwertować, Przemieszczać, Odkodować, {Translate}"> i wiedza narzędzie</a>
- <a href="mechanizm"><a hre
- Ono puszka metalowa
- <ALT="móc, umieć, potrafić, puszka blaszana, blaszanka, konserwować, możesz, mogą, może, puszka, puszkować, konewka, bańka, {can}"> pomagać ty wobec:
- Tłumaczyć <u>tkanina</u> urządzenia wzywające do telefonu pisemny w Wschód Europejski języki taki jak Rosjanin, Ukraiński, <u>Polski</u>, Czech, Słowak, Bułgar, Rzymski, Węgierski, Chorwat, Serbski, Bośniacki, Macedończyk, Słoweniec, Albański, [etc].
- Tłumaczyć przesłać wiadomość pocztą elektroniczną wiadomości wobec/z pewien.

#### <u>Czech translation:</u>

Slovo Překladatel do Okna >> be neurč. člen dialogový dešifrování >> AND operation učenost jet

<ALT="jet, náčiní, nářadí, nástroj, obdělávat, otesat dlátem, razidlo, užívat nástroje, výstroj, zdobit ražením, {tool}">.

Ono <u>hajzl</u>

<ALT="konev, konzerva, konzervovat, mohu, nalít do konve, plechovka, {can}"> pomoci tebe až k:

Chápat <u>tkanivo</u> blok napsáný do Orient Evropan jazyk jako takový Rus, [Ukrainian], <u>Hladit</u>,

<ALT="Lesknout se, Naleštit, <u>Polský</u>, Polština, Stát se hladkým, Uhladit, Zdobit, Zjemnit, Zkrášlit, Zušlechtit, {Polish}">
Čech, Slovák, Bulhar, Říma

#### **Hungarian translation:**

<u>Word Translator Windows</u> alá van egy egymásra kölcsönösen ható fordítás és tanulás szerszám. Tud segít ön -hoz:

- Lefordít pókháló oldalak írott -ban Kelet Európai nyelvek mint Orosz, Ukrán, <u>Fényesít</u>, Cseh, Szlovák, Bolgár, Románia, Magyar, Horvát, Szerb, Boszniai, Macedón, Szlovén, Albán, stb.
- Lefordít elektronikus posta üzenet -hoz/-ból egy idegen nyelv.
- Olvas/Ír irodalom, hasonmás, beszámol és memorandum -ban egy idegen nyelv.

#### <u>Russian translation:</u>

Слово Переводчик для Окно быть сильная форма, грамматически неопределенный член находиться во взаимодействии перевод и ученость рабочий. Он мочь помогать ты к:

- <u>Переводить с одного языка на другой</u> ткань <u>паж</u> <ALT="мальчик, служитель в законодательном собрании, сопровождать в качестве пажа, вызывать кого-либо,громко выкликая фамилию, страница, нумеровать страницы, {pages}">
- писать в Восток Европейский язык такой как Русский, Украинский, Полировать

### NeuroTran/1

- is a piece of software intended to "do things with words" (...):
- ➤ lookup a word and its L2 equivalent(s), with their respective grammar and usage labels,
- > reproduction of the sound of a word,
- > generation of all inflection forms of a word,
- ➤ lookup of all words with common part of speech, or some other grammatical feature
- ➤ lookup of all words with common subject-matter field or common usage features,
- > lookup of synonyms and antonyms,
- > sentence-to-sentence translation,

### NeuroTran/2

- >spell-checking,
- >determining the type of text and choosing appropriate word/translation for it,
- >parsing,
- >qualitative (content) text analysis.

Languages available under NeuroTran:

English (in both L1 and L2 position) with Croatian,

Czech, French, German, Polish, Russian, and

Serbian (in both L1 and L2 position).

Languages to be included:

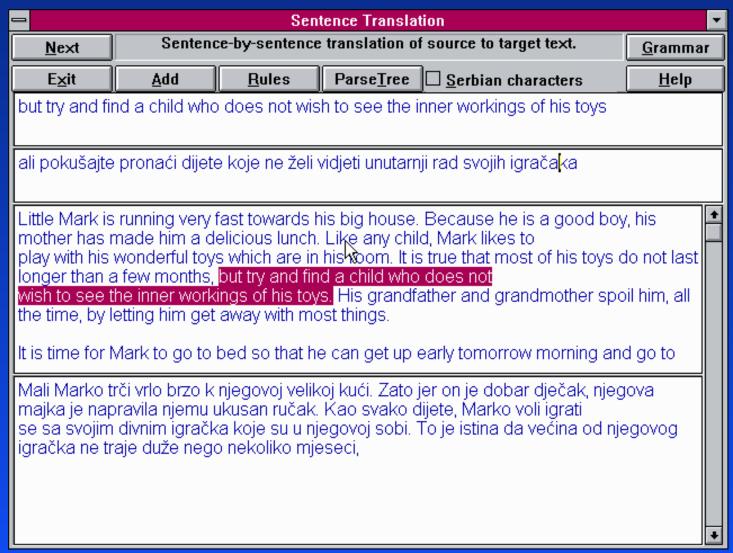
Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Bulgarian, Old Church

Slavonic, French, Portuguese, Italian, Hungarian.

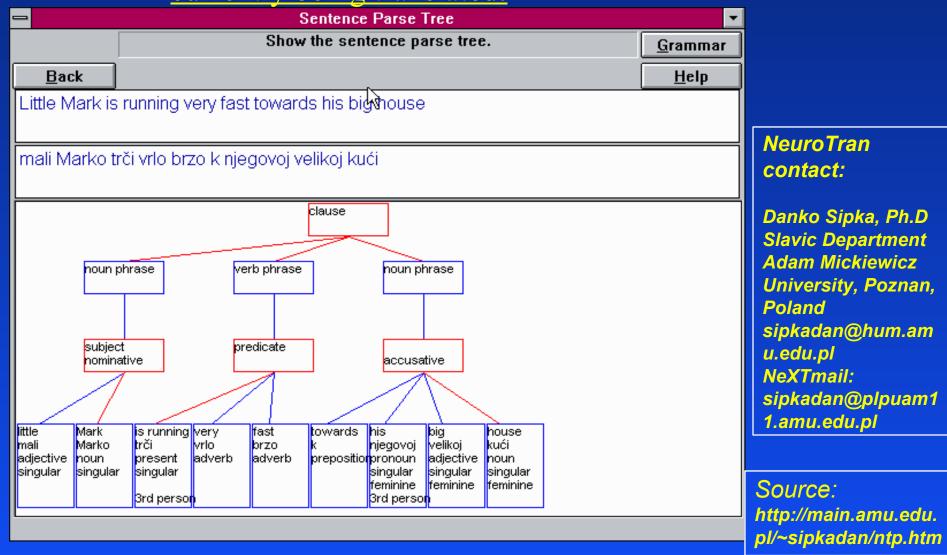
Source:

http://main.amu.edu. pl/~sipkadan/nt.htm

#### NeuroTran can translate your text sentence by sentence:



## NeuroTran shows the parse tree of the sentence that is currently being translated:



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### CEEC country case 1: Latvia/1

Latvian situation: small country, one active centre, close cooperation with institutional users, strong language policy, orientation towards Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark)

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### CEEC country case 1: Latvia/2

### LATRA - development of automated translation tools for Latvian :

- Work on bilingual (English, Latvian) text corpora
   Since there are several types of ambiguities which LATRA is unable to handle, we work on elaboration of LATRA and incorporation of statistical methods.
- Development of <u>terminology</u> database appr. <u>115.000 terms</u>
   Project carried out for <u>Translation and Terminology Center</u> (TTC) and funded by TAIEX. Implementation with <u>Trados Multiterm</u>.
   The results are now available at <u>www.ttc.lv</u>.
- 3. UNL (<u>Universal Networking Language</u>) project of United Nations University: developed grammar rules for generation of Latvian sentences from UNL as well as lexicon for domain of soccer.

### CEEC country case 1: Latvia/3

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          obj(m(marathon,sg)),obj([]),advl([]),advl([]),advl([])]
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     obj([]),advl([]),advl(m(also,_9206)),advl([]),
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                obj(m(marathon,sg)),obj([]),advl([]),advl([]),advl([])]
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Czech situation: (relatively) large country, several centres, international orientation - contacts with many countries

#### Academic centres:

- 1 Charles University, Prague:
- Institute of Applied and Formal Linguistics, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
  - English-Czech MT (since 1974),
     Contact person: <u>Alexandr Rosen</u> (rosen@ff.cuni.cz).
  - Czech-Russian MT (since 1985),
     Contact persons: Eva Hajičová (hajicova@ufal.mff.cuni.cz),

Vladislav Kubon (vk@ufal.mff.cuni.cz).

### 1 Charles University, Prague (continued):

- Institute of Theoretical and Computational Linguistics, Faculty of Philosophy.
  - Contact person: Vladimir Petkevicz
- Czech National Corpus, headed by Contact person: Frantisek Cermak

### 2 Masaryk University, Brno:

Department of Information Technologies, Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University, Brno Contact person: Karel Pala

In EU Telematics project EuroWordNet 2, producing a lexical database, Czech WordNet, to be linked to WordNets in English, German, French, Dutch, Italian,

### <u>Commercial products / 1</u>

### 1 TRANSEN, from company POSY s r o.

- contains a knowledge base describing syntactic relations among words.
- can identify the <u>subject and object of a sentence</u>, and contains a rich system of <u>morphemic classes</u>, for the generation of morphologically correct text.
- can learn from sentences which it was not able to analyse.
- originally built for <u>English-Slovak</u> translations and later adapted for <u>Czech</u>.

### 2 PC Translator, vers. 9.0 from LangSoft & SOFTEX

- a bi-directional system <u>Czech-English</u>, translating online with manual entering of inflections. Smaller modules for <u>French</u>, <u>German</u> and <u>Italian</u>. This system uses simple morphological analysis and also simple NP analysis making it possible to put whole noun phrases in the target language (Czech) into the proper morphological form. The system supports domain-oriented translation. The main dictionary contains some idiomatic expressions.

### Commercial products / 2

### 3 SiR Translator from SiR Software

- similar to PC Translator. It uses more complex lexico-syntactic data, which unfortunately are not complete (e.g. verb valency frames have only one slot). The quality of the translation is slightly better than in the previous case, but the syntactic analysis is only able to handle simple sentences. Both systems have <u>dictionaries containing about 200 000 word pairs for Czech and English</u> and slightly fewer for other language pairs.

### 4 SKIK, version 2.0, from the company SKIK,

- a bi-directional system <u>Czech-English</u>, with a dictionary of 100 000 entries, running in batch mode, with automatic inflection. A <u>German</u> version is undergoing tests. The system is based on the translation of word chains (2 or 3 words).

### Commercial products / 3

5 Landi Translator (developed by M K C S company)

- a bilingual <u>English-Czech</u> dictionary with automatic translation as an added feature. It translates word for word and does not use morphological analysis.

### Company profile

### Lingea, Ltd.

- a small software firm, run by a programmer, Dr Pavel Sevecek (pavel@lingea.cz);
- cooperation with Masaryk University in Brno.
- first commercially successful translator expected by the end of 1999 ???
- The following lingware products are currently sold by LINGEA Ltd:
- **hyphenator** and **spelling checker** for **Czech**, **Slovak**, English and German
- <u>lemmatiser</u> for <u>Czech</u>, <u>Slovak</u>, English and German used at Masaryk University for tagging Czech corpus texts (in co-operation with the Czech National Corpus), 165 000 Czech stems, covers about 97% of the corpus texts
- *morphological analyser* for *Czech*, *Slovak*, English and German, used in NLP research at Masaryk University within the currently built parser for Czech
- thesaurus for Czech, Slovak, English and German
- $English \Leftrightarrow Czech$ ,  $German \Leftrightarrow Czech$  translation <u>dictionaries</u>

### CEEC country case 3: Hungary/1

#### Academic centre:

### Lajos Kossuth University, Debrecen

- work over the past 6-7 years on a Hungarian parser with the intention of further developing it into an interactive Hungarian-to-English MT system, with financial support of OTKA, the Hungarian National Science and Research Fund.
- Contact person: *Laszlo Hunyadi* (hunyadi@llab2.arts.klte.hu)
- Based on a full morphological analysis, the rule-based parser gives the analysis of any arbitrary Hungarian simple sentence (with a modest dictionary of a few hundred words so far).
- Implementation in Pascal.

## CEEC country case 3: Hungary/2

### Lajos Kossuth University, Debrecen (continued)

- The output of the parsing of a simple sentence :
- akarok kerni a lanyoktol egy eheto almat
- I-want to-ask the girls-from a edible apple-acc.
  - $akar <> \{1,0\}$  + ok < akj11 >
  - $\ker <> \{2,0\}$  +  $\min <\inf >$
  - a  $\Leftrightarrow \{0,0\}$
  - a  $\Leftrightarrow \{0,0\}$
  - lany  $\Leftrightarrow$  {13,0} + ok <pl> + tol <abl>
  - egy  $\Leftrightarrow \{0.0\}$
  - egy <> {2,0}
  - ◆ e <> {77,0} + heto <pot>
  - alma  $<> \{28,0\}$  + t <ac>

Subject NP: en (\*en\* ["I"]) is deduced from the analysis.

Predicate VP: akar (ker (alma (e, egy) lany (a))).

### CEEC country case 3: Hungary/3

### Company profile

MorphoLogic, Budapest

Director: Gabor Proszeky, PhD (proszeky@morphologic.hu), English homepage: http://www.morphologic.hu/morphenu.htm.

Cf. separate presentations by Proszeky (22.04.99, 11.20-11.50 & 13.00-13.40)

- Intelligent bilingual dictionaries with morphological analysers MoBiDic
  - ◆ English ↔ Hungarian, German ↔ Hungarian, French ↔ Hungarian, Italian ↔ Hungarian, Russian ↔ Hungarian, Latin ↔ Hungarian, Polish ↔ Hungarian, Hungarian thesaurus
- Basic dictionaries with general vocabulary, dictionaries of phrases and of idioms, and dictionaries for specific subject fields such as business, auditing and computing.

### CEEC country case 4: Romania/1

### <u> 1 DBR-MAT - An Intelligent MAT System for Structurally Different</u> <u>Languages</u>

- an extension of DB-MAT (DB = Deutsch-Bulgarian) to Romanian, 1996 1998.
- funded by Volkswagen Foundation
- aim: "Investigation and pilot implementation of a MAT system combining a knowledge-based approach with statistical methods for NLP"
- project leader: Walther von Hahn, University of Hamburg (vhahn@nats.informatik.uni-hamburg.de)
- Romanian partner: University of Bucharest, Faculty of Mathematics, Computer Science Department, contact person: Florentina Hristea (flori@math.math.unibuc.ro *or* fhristea@mailbox.ro)

## CEEC country case 4: Romania/2

### 1 DBR-MAT (continued)

- final results were presented at a seminar in Sofia mid January 1999;
- two parts
- 1. Romanian morphology a continuation of what had been already achieved for German and Bulgarian within the DB-MAT project.
- 2. Romanian syntax completely new, implemented only for Romanian (but can be easily adapted to other languages), based on STATISTICAL PARSING (Eisner Coling 1996);
- testing was performed using texts belonging to a restricted technical field but results were quite good, considering the small corpus which was available (38865 words). Parsing was successfully performed in 69.60% cases and we expect this result to improve when using a larger corpus (hopefully future developments).