BESPRECHUNGEN

Die Laryngaltheorie und die Rekonstruktion des indogermanischen Laut- und Formensystem, hrsg. von Alfred Bammesberger. Teil 2: Register, bearb. von Sabine Ziegler. - Carl Winter Universitätsverlag, Heidelberg 1990. 67 pp.

Bammesberger's laryngeal volume now has an index, a separate (small size) volume of 67 pages. Publication was made possible by sponsoring of four banks. It is partly based on indications of the authors.

It contains an extensive Sachindex, which contains even such items as Bruderschaft, religiöse and Weitvokaltrias, laryngalunabhängige. Very useful are captions like Armenisch, Germanisch which bring the main subjects regarding these languages together. Such indices are extremely difficult to make, but useful to the user. I note e.g. the lemma Glottaltheorie.

The main part is the wordindex for the separate languages (the order of which is unclear to me). Whether Nostratic forms are useful ...? The three pages for Urindogermanisch contain nearly one page of words beginning with a laryngeal, whereas there is only a handful of words with a-, e-, o- (some of them noted thus only for convenience). I noticed that not every form on every page is listed.

We must be grateful to Bammesberger, and Sabine Ziegler, for completing the laryngeal volume with this index. It contains a photograph of Warren Cowgill, to whom the volume is dedicated.