Abstract

Geographical division of the southern Dutch dialects.

The editing boards of the three regional dialect dictionaries of the southern Dutch dialects, the Dictionary of the Flemish Dialects (WVD, University of Gent), the Dictionary of the Brabant Dialects (WBD, Nijmegen / Leuven) and the Dictionary of the Limburg Dialects (WLD, Nijmegen / Leuven) have recently started the preparation of Part III ‘General Vocabulary’, i.e. the vocabulary that is not restricted to professional activities. One of the most important changes in the presentation of the word material is the union of WBD / WLD with the already existing procedure of the WVD. From now on all three dictionaries will present the vocabulary in two parallel publications: the one meant for the specialist will contain all the details with regard to phonetics and places; the one meant for the broad public is based on the former and will contain generalized information as to frequency of occurrence and geographical dispersion of the words. In this article the geographical division of the areas of the three dictionaries is discussed.