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In the last few years, several projects have sprung up which aim to produce, through collaborative efforts, a historical grammar for one of the Ibero-Romance languages, such as the *Sintaxis històrica de la lengua española* (Company Company, coord., 2006, 2009) for Old Spanish or the *Gramàtica del català antic* for Old Catalan (Pérez Saldanya & Martines, coord., forthcoming). Similarly, several historical corpora have been developed through joint work, such as for Spanish the 'Corpus del español' (Mark Davies, coord., 2005) and 'Biblia Medieval' (Andrés Enrique-Arias, coord., 2009); for Portuguese: the 'Corpus Informatizado do Português Medieval (12th-15th century)' and the 'Corpus do Português' (Davies & Ferreira); for Catalan: the 'Corpus informatitzat del català antic' (Pérez Saldanya & Martines, coord.). It is in this spirit of collaboration that we propose an ICHL workshop that aspires to enhance our knowledge of the linguistic structures of the different Old Ibero-Romance languages and dialects. We particularly welcome contributions that

- (i) deal with microvariability not only in time but also in space;
- (ii) study the less widely spoken Ibero-Romance varieties, such as Galician;
- (iii) examine lesser studied morpho-syntactic phenomena, such as the changes (and the continuity) in the use of prepositions and adverbs;
- (iv) analyze contact situations between/with the different Ibero-Romance languages and how such situations accelerate or slow down linguistic changes in progress, and
- (v) report on electronic tools, such as historical corpora or dictionaries, that are of use to the Ibero-Romance historical linguistic community.