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218.0 SSILA Business

[Our apologies for the long delay since the last Bulletin (Dec. 24, 2004). We will try to get back to a more frequent schedule. -- The Editors.]

* Results of the 2004 elections
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A total of 97 ballots was received at the SSILA office by the announced deadline. Elected were:

- Vice President (2005) and President for 2006: Lyle Campbell
- Member of the Executive Committee (2005-07): Zarina Estrada Fernández
- Secretary-Treasurer (2005): Victor Golla
- Member of the Nominations Committee (2005-07): Carolyn J. MacKay

Euro 148 (SSILA price: Euro 48, ca. US\$63). [The first comprehensive description of an endangered and unclassified indigenous language of Southern Rondônia, Brazil.]

A Grammar of Mosestén. Jeanette Sakel. Mouton Grammar Library 33, 2004. 504 pp. Euro 168 (SSILA price: Euro 58, ca. US\$76). [A comprehensive reference grammar, based on extensive fieldwork, of an unclassified language of Bolivia]

SSILA members may purchase these books at the special discount rates noted above. The Mouton/SSILA order form (which can now be downloaded from the SSILA website) must be used, and it must be sent to the SSILA office, not directly to Mouton. In addition to the titles above, Sergio Meira's grammar of Tiriyo is scheduled for publication in the MGL during the first quarter of 2005 as Mouton Grammar Library 34. For further details of these publications see the Mouton de Gruyter website (www.degruyter.com).

* 2006 meeting will be held in New Mexico
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The 2005-06 annual winter meeting of SSILA will be held jointly with the Linguistic Society of America at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 5-8, 2006. The Call for Papers will be sent out in April, and abstracts will be due on September 1. Members interested in organizing special topical sessions should contact the chair of the 2005 Program Committee, Lyle Campbell (lyle.campbell@linguistics.utah.edu).

218.1 Correspondence

* Acquisition study
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>From Julie Brittain (brittain@mun.ca) 5 Jan 2005:

I am conducting a longitudinal study (2004-07) of the acquisition of Cree as a first language. I would be glad to hear from anyone interested in this study or doing similar research on L1 acquisition of a North American polysynthetic language.

--Julie Brittain
Memorial University of Newfoundland
(brittain@mun.ca)

* Re: SIL in Mexico
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From Todd Hartch (todd.hartch@eku.edu) 10 Jan 2005:

I am a historian of Mexico and am in the process of revising the manuscript of my first book, which looks at the history of the Summer

Institute of Linguistics in Mexico (1930-1985). One of the anonymous readers of the MS recommended that I add a short section assessing the linguistic prowess (or lack thereof) of the SIL. As a non-linguist I do not feel particularly qualified to evaluate the SIL in this way. I would be extremely thankful to hear how non-SIL linguists view the SIL's linguistic work, especially their work in Mexico from about 1940-1980. Also, do you know of any journal articles that offer an analysis of SIL linguistics? Any opinions and ideas you could give me would be very helpful.

--Todd Hartch
Eastern Kentucky University
(todd.hartch@eku.edu)

* Bloomfield on Miwok?
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From Jesse Gaskell (jeps@sbcglobal.net) 24 Jan 2005:

I am the speech-language pathologist of the Southern Sierra Miwok Nation in California, as well as a member of the Tribal Archives Team. I was speaking with our forensic anthropologist recently, and he has come across a source for the Southern Sierra Miwok language by "Boomfield" or "Blumfeld" 1930. It is not a study that many people reference for this language. We are most familiar with Broadbent (1960, 1964) and Freeland, also Callaghan. It would be very helpful if we could find further information about this work. Thank you for any help you might give us.

--Sandra Gaskell
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* Sound in native cultures
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From David Lubman (dlubman@ix.netcom.com) 29 Jan 2005:

I am an acoustical scientist with interests in identifying and documenting the role of acoustical phenomena in ancient and native cultures. Current interests include ringing rocks (AKA bell rocks, gong rocks), echoes from decorated rocks and rock panels, and reverberant caves. I'm especially interested in the possible role of spiritual beliefs in these matters.

I was referred to your organization by Jack Marr (John P. Harrington's former field assistant), who spoke at a meeting of the Native American Institute in Santa Ana, CA on January 20. Jack thought that some of your members might be able and willing to identify unique locations that may have current or past acoustical properties of interest, preferably with related stories or legends involving sound or echoes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The issue of the Economist magazine that was dated 1st-7th January 2005 had a three page Special Report (pp.58-60) on endangered languages. The article covered all the major points in relation to language endangerment, documentation and support, and I think was a balanced and nicely written report. I commend it to anyone interested in the endangered languages issue.

Unfortunately, the on-line version of the Special Report is "premium content" and only available to Economist subscribers.

--Peter K. Austin
Director, Endangered Languages Academic Program, SOAS
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218.2 Upcoming Meetings

* Friends of Uto-Aztecan Conference 2005 (Taxco, Guerrero, June 29-July 1)

From Karen Dakin (dakin@servidor.unam.mx) 11 Jan 2005:

Estimados amigos:

Después del *Taller de los Amigos de las Lenguas Yutoaztecas* el año pasado en tierra de los yutes en Colorado, este año, el Seminario de Lenguas Indígenas del Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas de la UNAM con el apoyo de la Coordinación Nacional de Antropología del INAH está organizando el Taller de nuevo en tierras de los nahuas, en Taxco, Guerrero, para las fechas 29 y 30 de junio y el 1 de julio (miércoles a viernes).

Taxco está a 2 horas de la ciudad de México, y hay servicio directo de autobuses del aeropuerto. Con la ayuda del INAH, conseguimos buenos precios en el Hotel Posada La Misión (\$450 [pesos] el cuarto sencillo con desayuno y cena, o \$550 el cuarto doble con desayuno y cena), donde también podemos tener una sala para el Taller. Esperamos también poder usar las instalaciones de la ex-hacienda "El Chorrillo" de la UNAM.

Favor de mandar el título de su ponencia, su domicilio, número de teléfono y su cuenta de correo electrónico. La fecha límite para recibir los títulos de ponencias es el 30 de abril, por lo que les pedimos los manden a las siguientes cuentas de correo electrónico: Karen Dakin (dakin@servidor.unam.mx), Mercedes Montes de Oca (mercemo@correo.unam.mx).

Esperamos que las fechas del taller sean factibles para que la mayoría de ustedes puedan participar.

[Dear Friends -- Following the *Friends of Uto-Aztecan Working Conference* that was held last year in Ute territory, this year, the Seminario de Lenguas Indígenas del Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas of the UNAM, with the collaboration of the Coordinación Nacional de Antropológica

of the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, is organizing the Workshop to be held in Nahua territory, again in Taxco, Guerrero, from Wednesday, June 29 through Friday, July 1.

Taxco is 2 hours from Mexico City, and there is bus service to Taxco direct from the airport. With the help of the INAH, we were able to get very good prices at the Hotel Posada La Misión (\$450 pesos [= \$42 US], for a single room with breakfast and supper, or \$550 [= \$52], for a double room with breakfast and supper), and we can also have a meeting room for the Workshop. We hope to be able to use the installations of the ex-hacienda "El Chorrillo" of the UNAM, where FUAC was held in 1999, as well.

Please send your paper title, your address, phone number, and your e-mail address. Deadline for sending paper titles is April 30th. Please send them to either of the following e-mail addresses: Karen Dakin (dakin@servidor.unam.mx), Mercedes Montes de Oca (mercemo@correo.unam.mx). We will be sending you the hotel information soon so that you can make your reservation.

We hope that the dates are good ones so that most of you can participate.]

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* CILLA II (Austin, October 27-29)

From Nora England (nengland@mail.utexas.edu) 3 Feb 2005:

The second Conference on Indigenous Languages of Latin America will be held October 27-29, 2005, at the University of Texas at Austin. We invite the submission of abstracts on research about any aspect of Latin American indigenous languages. Already published papers will not be accepted.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Grammar	Linguistic Anthropology
Sociolinguistics	Language Planning
Language Politics	Linguistic Theory
Historical Linguistics	Language Vitality
Discourse	Indigenous Literatures
Community-Linguist Cooperation	

Spanish is encouraged for presentations; English and Portuguese are also acceptable.

Keynote Speakers

Judith Aissen, University of California, Santa Cruz
Jon Landaburu, CNRS, CELIA
Sergio Meira, Universiteit Leiden
Valentín Peralta, UNAM

Special Panel

Technology for linguistic documentation.

Submissions

Speakers will be allowed 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion. Papers will be selected based on the evaluation of an anonymous written abstract, which may not exceed 500 words. E-mail submissions are encouraged.

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is May 2, 2005. Please send your abstract to <nengland@mail.utexas.edu> Subject: CILLA II abstract. Please include in the following order:

- Title of the paper
- Author's name
- Author's affiliation
- Address, phone number, and e-mail address at which the author wishes to be notified
- A 500 word abstract
(Please send as a Word attachment as well as in the body of the message. Title the Word file: Lastname.Firstinitial.CILLA.doc)
- Equipment needs for the presentation

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by May 31, 2005.

Registration fee (at meeting, no credit cards): \$20 students; \$40 non-students; registration scholarships available for indigenous scholars.

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218.3 Society for Linguistic Anthropology offers prizes

From Leanne Hinton (hinton@calmail.berkeley.edu) 29 Jan 2005:

The Society for Linguistic Anthropology announces two SLA prize competitions: The Annual Student Essay Prize and the Sapir Book Prize

Annual Student Essay Prize

The Society for Linguistic Anthropology invites graduate and undergraduate students to submit a paper on linguistic anthropology. Graduate student winners will receive \$100 and an invitation to submit their papers for review in the Journal of Linguistic Anthropology (JLA), and have their names and abstract published in Anthropology News (AN). An undergraduate prize will also be awarded if the quality and number of entries merits it. Undergraduates will receive \$100, and will be recognized (along with the faculty member for whom the paper was written) in AN.

Papers will be judged on originality; organization, quality, and clarity of writing; cogency of argument; contributions to theory with use of empirical materials; and timeliness. Papers should be no more than 45 double-spaced pages, including bibliography, and should be written using the JLA style sheet. Papers that have been submitted for publication, but have yet to be accepted are eligible. Articles already accepted or published are not eligible. Limit one submission per student. Applicants need not be members of the SLA to apply. Prizes will be announced at the SLA business meeting at the AAA Annual Meeting. Send four copies of the manuscript to Leanne Hinton, Dept. of Linguistics, 1203 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2650. Be sure to include a cover letter with submission that includes mailing address, telephone number, email address and institutional affiliation, and specify whether it is a graduate or undergraduate submission. The first page of each paper should specify paper title, but should not include author's name. Faxed and e-mailed submissions will not be accepted.

Deadline for submission is March 15, 2005.

Edward Sapir Prize

The Edward Sapir Book Prize was established in 2001 and is awarded in alternate years to a book that makes the most significant contribution to our understanding of language in society, or the ways in which language mediates historical or contemporary sociocultural processes. The SLA invites books with conceptual and theoretical focus, as well as ethnographic and descriptive works. Single-or multi-author books -- but not edited collections -- are eligible. Books published in the last three years are eligible. Self nominations are encouraged. Authors or nominators should send a substantive letter of nomination and published reviews, if available, as well as a copy of the book to Leanne Hinton, Dept. of Linguistics, 1203 Dwinelle Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2650, before December 31, 2005. Authors may also request that the publisher send a copy of the book. A committee designated by the president of the SLA will evaluate all submissions and choose prizewinners. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the SLA Business Meeting during the 2006 AAA Annual Meeting.

Last year the prize went to Robert Bringhurst for his 3-volume opus, Masterworks of the Haida Story-Tellers, and was also presented posthumously to Ghandl and Skye, the two story-tellers on whom the

volumes were based. Honorable mention also went to Dennis Tedlock for his book Rabinal Achi: a Mayan drama of war and sacrifice.

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