

HEBOU

Newsletter of the Linguistic Society
of Papua New Guinea

Conferences.

The main purpose of this issue of HEBOU is to ensure that members of the Linguistic Society are aware of the two conferences which are to be held at Goroka Teachers' College in September.

Instead of the usual conference of the Linguistic Society, two conferences will be held, partially overlapping:

8-11 September International Conference on
Papuan Linguistics.

10-11 September Workshop/Seminar for English
Language Teachers.

The International Conference on Papuan Linguistics is intended to bring together linguists with an interest in Papuan languages, which include all non-Austronesian languages of eastern Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands. This will be the first conference on this theme, and responses from intending participants indicate that there will be a wide range of papers from linguists based in Papua New Guinea, Australia, the U.S.A., Canada, and Germany.

It has long been a concern of Linguistic Society members that the teaching of English as a second language has been under-represented in the Society's activities, and the Society's Annual General Meeting, held during the annual conference at Ukarumpa in September 1981, established a small committee to ensure that the Society mounted activities of interest to English-teachers. As a result, a two-day Workshop/Seminar for English Language Teachers is taking place on 10-11 September. It aims to cater to those interested and involved in English language teaching in Papua New Guinea. The meeting will take the form of workshop sessions dealing with aspects of English language teaching at different levels and in varying situations within Papua New Guinea. The organizers are very concerned that the Workshop/Seminar should be of practical relevance to English-language teachers, and are particularly pleased that a number of high-school teachers are planning to attend.

Further details of each of these conferences are available from:

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Journals.

Volume 11, No. 2, of KIVUNG, the Linguistic Society's journal, was published in 1981. Volume 12, No. 1, is to go to press soon, and Volume 12, No. 2, should be published before the end of 1982.

The 1981 Annual General Meeting of the Society agreed that after Volume 12 is published, the title of the journal should be changed from KIVUNG to LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS IN MELANESIA, and that the scope of the journal should cover the interests implicit in the new title.

The Society's committee on English language teaching activities has been hard at work since its establishment at the 1981 AGM. In addition to preparations for the seminar/workshop described above, it produced in May the first edition of the Linguistic Society's T.E.S.L. Newsletter, which announced the publication by the Society of a magazine for English teachers in Papua New Guinea. The magazine, THE TESLA, is intended to help upgrade the standard of English teaching at all levels in P.N.G. by providing an outlet for ideas and views and a channel of communication between teachers in this country. The editorial policy is that the magazine should contain material which is of practical use to teachers, and pay particular attention to the needs of those in remote schools. The first number of THE TESLA is in press, and will be distributed within Papua New Guinea in the next month or so.

Enquiries about KIVUNG or LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS IN MELANESIA should be directed to:

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