

Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea CONFERENCE 2019

"Promoting Unity in Diversity: Celebrating the Indigenous Languages of the South Pacific"

Hosted by the University of Papua New Guinea in partnership with UNESCO

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Second and FINAL Call for Abstracts

The 52nd Conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea, themed "Promoting Unity in Diversity: Celebrating the Indigenous Languages of the South Pacific," will take place on September 23-24, 2019, at the University of Papua New Guinea, Waigani Campus.

All cultural and socio-economic development hinges on Language and the effectiveness of its use in society. In modern multilingual/multicultural societies, the smaller languages, which cannot be used in wider communication, often fall out of use and thus risk extinction. This Conference, organized in the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages, aims to promote Unity in Diversity, celebrating the beauty and ingenuity of human expression in the South Pacific. LSPNG 2019 also aims to provide a venue for a much-needed exchange of ideas between intellectuals and policy makers on what can be done to save the rich tapestry of the world's languages.

Papers are invited, dealing with Papuan and Austronesian languages spoken in the South Pacific, including Tok Pisin and Solomon Islands Pidgin. While papers on any subject dealing with relevant topics in general and applied linguistics, or any of the subfields of linguistics are invited, preference will be given to those pertaining to the promotion and preservation of the indigenous languages of the region.

Abstract Submission

We invite abstracts for 20-minute presentations.

Abstracts should be no more than one A4 page in length, including references and examples. They should be anonymous, and set in a minimum of 12pt font. They should be in Word format and the filename should start with LSPNG2019, followed by an underscore and then the first author's surname, e.g. LSPNG2019_surname. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed by members of the programme committee. Abstracts must be submitted electronically in Word format to langlxmelanesia@gmail.com

Abstract content

A few suggestions:

- 1. Your choice of title will help us group your paper with others, to form thematically cohesive sessions; please make sure the title clearly reflects the essence of your presentation.
- 2. State the main point or argument of your presentation.
- 3. Summarize the significance of your research.

Deadline for abstract submission

August 12, 2019. Submitting authors will be notified of abstract acceptance within two weeks of abstract submission date.

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Conference Proceedings will be published on *Language & Linguistics in Melanesia* website www.langlxmelanesia.com. LLM uses the Unified Stylesheet for Linguistic Journals, available for download at www.langlxmelanesia.com under the 'Instructions to Authors' tab.

Registration fee:

LSPNG members: K 200 (N.B. Evidence of Membership Fee payment must be provided)

Other participants: K 300

Students: K 50

Registration fees can be deposited in the ANZ Bank, THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA Account No. 15809833.

See Membership Fee details on https://www.langlxmelanesia.com/joininglspng.htm Please email a scanned copy of your deposit slip to both:

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Program

The Conference program will be posted on the LLM website by mid-September, 2019.

Visit <u>www.langlxmelanesia.com</u> for more details on our **Kivung Billboard**, and under the LSPNG2019 IN IYIL tab: https://www.langlxmelanesia.com/lspng2019-in-iyil

LSPNG 2019 Organizing Committee

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