

The Newsletter of the
Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea
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1989 Linguistics Conferences

Both the 1989 Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea and the Second International Conference on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia will be held at the University of Papua New Guinea in Waigani from Wednesday 28 June to Friday 30 June 1989. The two conferences will be held concurrently under the sponsorship of the Language and Literature Department for the convenience of participants who live and work far away from the Port Moresby area. Unfortunately, no funds are presently available for travel to or from either conference.

In addition to these conferences, the Conference of the Teachers of English as a Second Language Association of Papua New Guinea will be held at the University of Papua New Guinea earlier the same week. For information on any of these conferences not given in this newsletter, please contact the Language and Literacy Department, University of Papua New Guinea, Box 320, University P.O., Papua New Guinea.

Call for papers: Linguistic Society of PNG

The theme of this year's Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea will be: "Are Our Languages Dying?" This topic was chosen because it brings together linguists working in the political areas, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, comparative linguistics, applied linguistics, and teachers. We invite papers on the theme of language death in Papua New Guinea. As usual, papers on other aspects of the study, development, teaching, or use of the languages of Papua New Guinea or other Melanesian languages are welcome.

Those planning to present papers at the conference should submit the title of their presentation together with a brief abstract (of no more than 125 words) by the last week in May. Abstracts should be sent to the Language and Literacy Department, University of Papua New Guinea, Box 320, University P.O., Papua New Guinea.

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Call for papers: Conference on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia

We invite papers on all aspects of the study, development, teaching, and use of Tok Pisin or any other Melanesian pidgin or creole for the Second International Conference on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia. Those planning to present papers at the conference should submit the title of their presentation together with a brief abstract (of no more than 125 words) by the last week in May. Abstracts should be sent to the Language and Literacy Department, University of Papua New Guinea, Box 320, University P.O., Papua New Guinea.

Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will be held on Friday, 30 June, and will include election of officers. The offices include: president, secretary, treasurer, editor, and 1-4 members at large. As our constitution specifies that nominations should be given to the secretary in writing 24 hours before the meeting, we would encourage you to either submit your nominations by mail before the conference or be prepared to offer them on the first day.

Note from the Editor of Language and Linguistics in Melanesia

Although I officially took over as editor for volume 18 of Language and Linguistics in Melanesia, John Verhaar has stimulated the efforts of many authors who have subsequently contributed to our journal.

I am happy to report that volume 19 has been printed and only awaits the proper paper stock for its cover. Enough articles are on hand to probably fill volume 20, and I hope to have it submitted for printing by the end of July. It will contain an Index of Volumes 11-20.

We are in the days of desktop publishing and LLM should be more reasonable to publish in the future if we can take advantage of such services. Keep the articles coming, but when submitting your material include it on a floppy disk as well. With the publication of Volume 20 we will be back on schedule.

Karl Franklin, editor

Call for Announcements

Any items which you wish to announce in Hebou, or any comments about what should be included in it should be directed to the secretary.