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The Newsletter of the  
Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea  
and the  
Society of Pidgin and Creoles in Melanesia  
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## 1991 Conference and Annual General Meeting

The 1991 annual conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea was held June 26-28 at the National Sports Institute in Goroka. The following papers were presented: *The mystery of the origin of Bahasa Indonesia* (A. Badib), *The origin of Austronesian lexical items in Tok Pisin* (M. Ross), *Iconicity and the transitiviser in Kope* (J. Clifton), *Switch reference in PNG* (J. Roberts), *Pitch-accent in Filigano (Gorokan Family)* (K. Ford), *An analysis of the morphonemic rules of the plural allomorphs of Abu' Arapesh gender* (O. Nekitel), *The Gedaged voiceless "L": an example of the Sibboleth principle* (R. Pech), *Values and semantic changes in Yagaria* (G.K. Renck), *Adjectives in Koiari language* (T. Dutton), *Cohesion in contemporary Tok Pisin* (G. Smith).

The Annual General Meeting of the society was held on June 27th, as part of the conference. The officers elected for 1991-1992 were:

President	Sakarepe Kamene
President-Elect	Dicks Thomas
Secretary	Ritva Hemmilä
Treasurer	Colin Barron
LLM Editor	John Clifton
Review editor	John Roberts
Members-at-large	Geoff Smith

## President's Report and discussion

The president, S. Kamene, began his report by querying the function and future of the society and its conference, relative to generating national linguistic scholars and encouraging local research. One step in this direction is the proposed LSPNG scholarship (see below). In the following discussion it was noted that some national non-professionals already have joined us at our conferences. It was decided to extend the undergraduate membership fee (K 1) to unsalaried field workers in language-related activities like vernacular literacy and Bible translation. There was also a discussion about the means to increase training outside of the university context, like UPNG extension courses, the

dictionary preparation course ANU is planning to hold in late 1991, and SIL training to conduct language surveys.

### UPNG Linguistics Award

In the general meeting it was agreed that the society establish an **annual scholarship** of K100 (cash or books) for an outstanding final-year student in linguistics at the UPNG, to be called the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea prize.

### Scholarship Fund

A fund has been set up to provide scholarships for nationals training in linguistics or related fields. Contributions to this fund can be sent to the secretary at the address above.

### Language and Linguistics in Melanesia

It was officially decided at the Annual General Meeting that LLM will return to the policy of publishing **two issues a year**, beginning in 1992. We hope the first volume 23, number 1 will be out in April 1992, with number 2 following in October. In general, one issue each year will probably be devoted to a particular theme, while the second issue will include general papers.

In 1992 the first issue will include general papers. While we have some papers ready for this issue, we still have space for others. Send any **submissions** for LLM to the editor at PO Box 418, Ukarumpa via Lae, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

We also plan to begin accepting **squibs** or **notes** for publication in LLM. Any short (less than 4 pages) observations or comments for this section should be sent to the editor.

### Books for Review

If you wish to review any of the following books, please contact John Roberts at P.O. Box 418, Ukarumpa via Lae. If there are other books you feel you would like to review let John Roberts know and he will try to obtain them.

Merlan & Rumsey (1991) *Ku Waru: language and segmental politics in the western Nebilyer Valley, PNG* (CUP).

Holzknrecht (1989) *The Markham languages of PNG* (PL, C-115)

Goulden (1990) *The Melanesian content in Tok Pisin* (PL, B-104)

Blust (ed.) (1991) *Currents in Pacific Linguistics: Papers on Austronesian languages and ethnolinguistics in honour of George W. Grace* (PL, C-117)

Dutton (ed) (1991) *Papers in Papuan Linguistics No. 1* (PL, A-73)