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*** SSILA BULLETIN ***

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Dear Colleagues,

This mailing is going out to the entire SSILA e-mail network--the 275 members of the Society with e-mail addresses, and a few other individuals and organizations--and inaugurates the SSILA BULLETIN. The Bulletin will be published at irregular intervals, probably about once a month, and is intended to be a vehicle for news, queries, job announcements, and SSILA business matters that require more immediate attention than quarterly publication in the SSILA Newsletter allows. Items from various Internet discussion groups--especially LINGUIST--will be reposted when relevant, particularly items relating to computers. If they remain timely, most of the articles in the Bulletin will be reprinted in the next Newsletter.

The Bulletin is not a discussion list; however, members who wish to use it as a forum for exchanging information and ideas are welcome to send

items to the Editor, although he reserves the right to edit them for style and length.

All submissions, and any other communication regarding the Bulletin, should be sent to: gollav@axe.humboldt.edu or golla@calstate.bitnet.

-- Victor Golla

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1.1 RESULTS OF SSILA ELECTIONS

Mailing of the ballots for the 1993 SSILA elections--which were enclosed with the October SSILA Newsletter--was held back for nearly three weeks by Newsletter production delays. Many members received their ballots only a day or two before the announced deadline of November 15, and others (especially those residing outside the US) even later. Nevertheless, nearly 70 ballots were received by the deadline (we normally expect 120-30), and these were express-mailed to the Executive Committee meeting in Washington for counting. The Committee decided that the ballots received were sufficiently representative of the sentiment of the membership, and voted to accept the results. These were:

Vice President (1994) and President-Elect for 1995: William Bright
Secretary-Treasurer (1994): Victor Golla
Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee (1994-96): Mary Ann Willie
Member of the Nominating Committee (1994-96): Pam Munro

1.2 QUERY ABOUT THE ALGONQUIAN INVERSE [From LINGUIST, 25 Nov 1993]

I am working on a group of Australian Aboriginal languages which has something like inverse marking in the morphology. It looks especially like Algonquian because 2nd person appears to be top of the hierarchy. I have been trying to get hold of a comparison of inverse marking in Algonquian/Algonquian-Ritwan. I have a few grammars but the ones I have do not show much variation; I have also obtained some historical-comparative material, which deals with reconstruction including brief mention of reconstructability of an inverse marker but not much mention of range of functions of inverse, different hierarchies etc. in different languages. One correspondent put me on to a nice article by Bernard Comrie which compares inverse marking in Siberian languages which compares the languages as to how the inverse system works in each. I am looking for something comparable for Algonquian. I am not an American Indian specialist and as you can imagine this material is very hard to obtain in Australia, so going through all the grammars (including the rare old stuff) is not practical for me. Can anyone help? Ideas on analysis of inverse systems also gratefully received.

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1.3 POSITION FOR AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGE SPECIALIST IN WISCONSIN

The American Indian Studies Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is recruiting for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in a field of the humanities or social sciences and a special interest in American Indian Studies. [We were told that the Department is especially interested in candidates who have linguistic expertise in one or more of the Indian languages of the Wisconsin and Upper Great Lakes area, or possibly other American Indian languages.] The duties of this position are the usual responsibilities associated with teaching, research, and service in a large state university. The successful candidate will have a joint appointment in American Indian Studies and in a social science or humanities department. Salary is competitive. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1994. Applications should be sent to: C. Matthew Snipp, Director, American Indian Studies Program, 1188 Educational Sciences Building, 1025 W. Johnson St., Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706. Please note that unless confidentiality is requested in writing, information regarding the applicants must be released upon request. Finalists cannot be guaranteed confidentiality. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is an Equal Opportunity employer.

1.4 POSITION FOR APPLIED LINGUIST WITH NATIVE AMERICAN SPECIALTY AT NORTHERN ARIZONA [From LINGUIST, 31 Oct 1993]

The Dept. of Anthropology at Northern Arizona University has a position open for a Linguistic Anthropologist, Assistant Professor, Tenure Track.

Qualifications: A Ph.D. in Linguistic Anthropology is required. A preference will be shown to candidates who have strong teaching records, and an active research agenda. The successful candidate will be expected to create innovative educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate level anthropology students, will need to establish a scholarly research program compatible with departmental goals and directions, and to contribute to the applied focus within the department. Given equal qualifications in other areas, preference will be given to candidates with experience in applied linguistics and work with Native American languages, especially in the Southwest.

Current Courses: The average course load for faculty in the department is three courses per semester. The primary anthropological linguistic courses currently in our curriculum include Survey of Linguistics (I and II), Languages of the World, and Applied Linguistics. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to expand on this basic course list at both the undergraduate and the graduate level.

Application Procedure: Submit letter of intent/interest, CV, and names of at least three (3) references to R. T. Trotter, II, Chair, Department of Anthropology, Campus Box 15200, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011.

Application Deadline: The search will remain open until the position is filled. The screening committee may begin reviewing applications Dec. 1, 1993.

Salary: Competitive

Northern Arizona University is a committed Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution. Minorities, Women, Handicapped and Veterans are encouraged to apply.

E-mail inquiries: RTT@NAUVAX.bitnet

1.5 NEW FONTWARE FROM ECOLOGICAL LINGUISTICS: IPATimes Font for Windows; Upgrades for Mac; Lucida Sans IPA.

Ecological Linguistics now offers its IPA fonts in TrueType format for Windows. The current version now includes Bold and BoldOblique in addition to the earlier plain and oblique. Price is \$60.

For Macintosh users, there are upgrades available which include the bold styles.

Ecological Linguistics is now distributing the Lucida Sans IPA/Phonetic and Phonetic Alternate fonts designed by Charles Bigelow, for either DOS or Macintosh, in both SIL coding and in the coding of the IPATimes which has been available from E.L. Those wishing a copy may either send \$5 (fonts will be sent on 3.5 inch disks), or else send a self-addressed 52-cent stamped envelope and a formatted blank disk (for Windows either 3.5 inch or 5.25 inch).

Please write (P.O. Box 15156, Washington, D.C., 20003) or send your postal address via email (ECOLING@Applelink.Apple.com) to receive full current catalog and order forms.

1.6 TENAS MAWA

From Bill Poser (poser@crystals.stanford.edu):

Some people up in Washington are publishing a little newspaper six times a year in Chinook Jargon. It is called Tenas Mawa "Little Talk". The text is in both Chinook Jargon and a sort of English Jargon. (I myself find this "onto" English distasteful; their idea is that making the English translation similar to Chinook Jargon will facilitate learning Chinook Jargon.) It costs \$12.00 for six issues, \$18.00 outside the U.S. Checks should be made out to Katie Pasco. They also sell a pedagogical booklet entitled Klahowya! ("hello") with accompanying cassette for \$22.50 including postage. From what I can tell, the people doing this are amateurs who find CJ interesting and are trying to revive it.

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