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33.1 NSF PANEL TO HOLD OPEN MEETING IN BERKELEY

Paul Chapin, NSF Program Director for Linguistics, writes:

Each year, during the spring, the National Science Foundation's Advisory Panel for Linguistics holds an open meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss research trends in linguistics and the language sciences, and to advise NSF how best to plan its support for research in those areas. The meeting is also an occasion for discussion of NSF's policies, practices, and procedures in the review of proposals and the support of research. The open meeting is one way in which the Panel fulfills its advisory role, in addition to its review of research proposals.

In most previous years we have held Panel Meetings, including the open meetings, in Washington, D. C. While that has been of considerable logistical convenience, it has obviously restricted the possibility of attending the open meeting to those already in the Washington area. In order to broaden the possibilities for participation, we have decided to hold the 1996 open meeting in Berkeley, California, and to send this invitation to people in and near California.

The open meeting this year will be Wednesday, April 24, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. It will be in Room 3401, Dwinelle Hall, on the campus of the University of California, Berkeley.

As the term "open meeting" implies, this meeting is open to all members of the interested public. I have found over the years that the discussions at the open meeting are considerably enhanced when knowledgeable and interested people who are not part of NSF or members of the Panel attend them and participate in them. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend the forthcoming open meeting, and to ask you to pass on the invitation to colleagues who you believe might be interested (I have in general sent only one letter to each institution, except at UC Berkeley, where I have sent a letter to each of several Departments).

I hope that you and your colleagues may be able to attend the open meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or send me an e-mail message. My telephone is (703) 306-1731; my e-mail address is pchapin@nsf.gov.

---Paul G. Chapin  
Program Director, Linguistics  
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### 33.2 1996 SIOUAN-CADDOAN CONFERENCE: ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The 16th Annual Siouan and Caddoan Languages Conference will be held on June 14-15, 1996 (Friday morning to Saturday afternoon) at the Best Western Ponderosa Inn, 2511 1st Avenue North, Billings, Montana. Room rates are from \$46.95 to \$55.95. A block of rooms is reserved for the conference; reservations must be made by May 14. For reservations call: 1-800-628-9081 (FAX: 406-628-8004). The registration fee for the conference is \$20.00.

The 1996 organizers are Randolph Graczyk (St. Charles Mission, Pryor, MT 59066; tel: 406/259-9747; fax: 406/259-9747; e-mail: cheath@imt.net) and Steve & Rose Chesarek (805 Westgate Dr., Billings, MT 59101; tel: 406/259-5678).

Prospective participants should send the title of their proposed papers to Randy or Steve by June 1. Papers will have a maximum presentation time of 30 minutes, and shorter papers are welcome. The conference and discussion is informal, so tentative and exploratory works are welcome. Students and native people are encouraged to participate. If any special AV equipment is needed, please let the organizers know in advance.

One of the conference highlights will be a Friday evening visit to Pryor, on the Crow Reservation (transportation provided). Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a sweat lodge ceremony, followed by a meal and panel discussion with local people on issues of language loss and retention.

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### 33.3 FESTIVAL FOR FILMS IN LESSER-USED LANGUAGES

>From EREMUAKE (eremuak@eus.gn.apc.org) 5 April 1996:

We are organizing the 3rd FESTIVAL OF FILMS IN LANGUAGES OF LIMITED DIFFUSION (EREMUAKE'96), which is going to be held in Basque Country in the first week of July 1996. The films in competition will be feature films with dialogues in any language in the world considered to be of limited diffusion ("lesser-used languages"). This includes all of the indigenous languages of the Americas.

The Festival is supported by the European Union and the local Basque government institutions. It is held annually and has two sections, competitive and information. The festival is based in Zarautz, on the coast of Guipuzcoa, in the Basque Autonomous Community.

Any feature film with dialogues in any language in the world considered to be of limited diffusion and made in 35mm or 16mm can be selected for participation. The Festival has two sections: an Official Section and an Information Section. The Official Section of the Festival is competitive, in which full-length feature films considered as languages of limited diffusion can compete. To be able to compete in the Official Section, a film cannot have been commercially released in the Basque Country, and its date of production cannot date from more than five years previous. Films are not accepted in dubbed versions. Due to its specific objective, the Festival only accepts films in their original version. Competing films must be sent to the Festival's Headquarters on video-cassette (Vhs, Beta, Ntsc, Umatic, Betacam), with a completed Registration form and the film's dialogues in one of the following languages: Basque, English, French, Spanish or Portuguese. Copies of the selected films and their corresponding documentation must be received before 1 June at the Festival's Headquarters.

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33.4 DEADLINE EXTENDED ON U OF ALASKA POSITION

The deadline for applications for the research assistant position at the Alaska Native Language Center (SSILA Bulletin #32.2) has been extended from May 15 to May 31.

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33.5 NEW ADDRESS FOR PUBLICATION ORDER

"Native Language Communities: A Descriptive Study of Two Community Efforts to Preserve Their Native Languages", by Christine P. Sims, the publication of the National Indian Policy Center announced in SSILA Bulletin #31 is now in production. For information on how to order a copy, contact the address below (which is slightly different from the one previously announced):

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