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Friday (September 7) is the deadline for the submission of abstracts for papers for this year's annual meeting (San Francisco, January 3-6, 2002). Abstracts may be submitted by e-mail to <ssila@ssila.org>, or by mail to SSILA, P.O. Box 555, Arcata, CA 95518. (If a street address is required for courier delivery, send to: Victor Golla, Native American Studies, Humboldt State University, 1 Harpst Street, Arcata, California 95521.)

146.1 INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES OF LATIN AMERICA AT U OF TEXAS

* Center for the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA)
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>From Nora England (nengland@mail.utexas.edu) 26 Aug 2001:

I'm now at the University of Texas, in the Department of Linguistics (and Anthropology as well), where I will be helping to establish a new Center for the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (CILLA). We are principally interested in contributing to the maintenance of Latin American indigenous languages, and hope to be able to bring speakers of these languages to UT to study in various programs that have something to do with linguistics or languages, with the idea that they will then be in a better position to contribute to their own languages in a number of different ways.

--Nora England
University of Texas at Austin
(nengland@mail.utexas.edu)

* Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA)
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>From Joel F.Sherzer (jsherzer@mail.utexas.edu) 1 Sep 2001:

The Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America (AILLA) has recently received funding from both the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment of Humanities that enables the continuing development of this interactive web resource. The AILLA website is now operational (<http://www.ailla.org>) and a Project Manager has been hired (Heidi Johnson). People who have materials that they might like to contribute to the archive are invited to contact us.

--Joel Sherzer, Co-Director, AILLA
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146.2 Ph.D. SCHOLARSHIPS IN GRAMMATICAL DESCRIPTION

>From Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (a.aikhenvald@latrobe.edu.au) 5 Sep 2001:

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia, once again invites applications from suitably

qualified students to enter their Ph.D. program.

Ph.D. candidates at RCLT generally undertake extensive fieldwork on a previously undescribed (or scarcely described) language and write a comprehensive grammar of it for their dissertation. It is preferred that students work on a language which is still actively spoken, and establish a field situation within a community in which it is the first language. Fieldwork methodology should be centred on the collection, transcription and analysis of texts, together with participant observation, and -- at a later stage -- judicious grammatical elicitation in the language under description (not through the lingua franca of the country). RCLT's main areas of specialization are the languages of Amazonia, the Papuan languages of New Guinea, and the Aboriginal languages of Australia.

Ph.D. work in Australian universities generally involves no coursework, just a substantial dissertation. Candidates must thus have had a thorough coursework training before embarking on the program. This should have included courses on morphology, syntax, semantics, phonology and phonetics, and comparative-historical linguistics, all taught from a non-formalist perspective. RCLT places emphasis on work that has a sound empirical basis but also shows a firm theoretical orientation (in terms of general typological theory, or what has recently come to be called basic linguistic theory).

The Research Centre for Linguistic Typology consists, at any one time, of about twenty scholars, working on a variety of languages and typological issues. Besides the permanent staff of Professor R M W Dixon (Director) and Professor Alexandra Y Aikhenvald (Associate Director) the Centre has an array of Research Fellows and doctoral students; each year a number of senior scholars from across the world spend from three to six months with us as Visiting Fellows. Our personnel this year includes specialists on spoken languages from the following families or areas: Siouan, Tsimshian, Arawak, Arawa, Barbacoan, Macro-Je, Dravidian, Indo-European, Turkic, Uralic, Afroasiatic, Nilo-Saharan, Tibeto-Burman, Sinitic, Papuan, Austronesian and Australian.

There is also an excellent Department of Linguistics in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, with Professor Barry Blake, Associate Professor David Bradley, Associate Professor Kate Burridge, and Dr Hilary Chappell. And there are fine Departments of Linguistics at the University of Melbourne and at Monash University.

The scholarship will be at the standard La Trobe University rate, Australian \$16,432 p.a. Students coming from overseas are liable for a visa fee (effectively, a tuition fee); RCLT will pay this. A small

