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2001 Elections

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The SSILA Nominating Committee (John Nichols, Scott DeLancey, and Karen Dakin) has submitted the following slate of candidates for the 2001 elections:

President, 2002 [replacing Ken Hale]: Leanne Hinton

Vice President, 2002/President-elect for 2003: Pamela Munro

Member-at-large of the Executive Committee, 2002-04: Roberto Zavala

Secretary-Treasurer, 2002: Victor Golla

Member of the Nominating Committee, 2002-04: Denny Moore, John O'Meara

Mail ballots are being distributed with the October issue of the SSILA Newsletter, which (US postal difficulties permitting) will reach members within the next 7 to 10 days. Completed ballots must be returned to SSILA by December 31 in order to be counted. Members may also vote electronically (see the instructions on the ballot). Results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting in San Francisco, Saturday, January 5.

Changes in meeting schedule

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The schedule of the January meeting in San Francisco (Bulletin #148.0) has been slightly changed, due to the withdrawal of two papers.

--The special session on Organizing American Indian Linguistics will begin at 9:20 am instead of 9:00 am, Saturday, January 5. The paper by Melissa Axelrod, Jule Gomez de Garcia & Jordan Lachler has been withdrawn.

--The session on Language Preservation & Revitalization will begin at 10:20 am instead of 10:00 am, Sunday, January 6. The paper by Jule Gomez de Garcia, Melissa Axelrod & Jordan Lachler has been withdrawn.

149.1 SLA ESTABLISHES EDWARD SAPIR BOOK PRIZE

>From Richard J. Senghas (Richard.Senghas@sonoma.edu) 10 Oct 2001:

The Society for Linguistic Anthropology announces the establishment of the Edward Sapir Book Prize of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology, to be awarded alternate years to a book that makes the most significant contribution to our understanding of language in society, or the ways in which language mediates historical or contemporary sociocultural processes.

The SLA invites books with conceptual and theoretical focus, as well as ethnographic and descriptive works. Single-authored or multi-authored books--but not edited collections--published within the last three years are eligible. A substantive letter of nomination and published reviews, if available, should be sent to Susan Gal, Dept of Anthropology, 1126

East 59th St, Chicago, IL 60637 before Dec 31, 2001. A committee designated by the President of the SLA will evaluate all submissions, request the books from the publishers, and choose prize winners. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Business Meeting of the SLA during the annual meeting of the AAA.

149.2 FEL-5 PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE

>From Nicholas Ostler (nostler@chibcha.demon.co.uk) 14 Oct 2001:

The proceedings of the 5th Conference of the Foundation for Endangered Languages -- "Endangered Languages and the Media" -- held last month in Agadir, Morocco, are now available. Contents of the 131 page volume are given below (papers dealing with American Indian languages noted with an asterisk *).

Chris Moseley, Nicholas Ostler & Hassan Ouzzate, "Prospect: Endangered Languages and the Media".

1. George Jones (Keynote Address), "The state and the global marketplace in the provision of minority media services"; Paul Lewis, "Local language media: What does it take?"; Lachman Khubchandani, "Power of the media for the good of small languages: An Indian experience of enriching diversity."
2. Samira El Atia & Douglas Kibbee, "Language Protection & Cultural Policy in France"; Brigitta Busch, "The virtual village square: Media in minority languages in the process of media diversification and globalisation: An example from Southern Carinthia (Austria)"; Jilali Saib, "Maintenance & promotion of Berber: The role of the electronic media."
3. *Thomas Sawallis, "Language in the Media Environment of the Florida Seminole"; *Elena Benedicto, Ely Frank, Pulinario Sebastian, Simon Avelino, "Indigenous Presence in the Nicaraguan Media: The Mayangna."
4. Mohamed Ouakrim, "Promoting the maintenance of endangered languages through the Internet: The case of Tamazight"; Erica McClure, "The role of language in the construction of ethnic identity on the Internet: The case of Assyrian activists in Diaspora"; Onno Falkena, "Frisian all over the world: The unique experience of one year."
5. Tapani Salminen, "Television news bulletins in Forest Nenets"; Joe Pfaffe & Susan Schulman, "Nyae Nyae Revisited -- the 'Village Schools Project' in Northern Namibia"; Annatjie Louw, "Is language shift to

English imminent amongst young Afrikaans-speakers in Rehoboth Gebiet?"; Helene E. Hagan, "Funding an 'ethnic diversity' public access television program in the USA"; *Jose Flores Farfan, "The use of different media in reversing language shift: Nahua Illustrations"; Mark L. Chamberlin & Heno Saro, "Geographic Center for Interactive Interdisciplinary Information."

6. Bernard Hervieux, "The new vibrations of the traditional 'teueikan'"; Asuncion Martinez Arbelaiz, "Basque in the media"; *Julia Lonergan & Patricia Small, "Tarahumara ritual spectacle in Noriahuachi: Visual metaphor experienced through mass media."

7. *Aurolyn Luykx, "Across the Andean Airwaves: Satellite radio broadcasting in Quechua"; Abdallah El Mountassir, "Le sort de la langue berbère a travers la deformation et la transformation du nom propre berbère"; Helena Drysdale, "Silenced or liberated: Endangered languages in the European Union."

Copies are now available for 15 pounds sterling or \$25 US, with an additional 3 pounds/\$5 postage for non-members of FEL. For air-mail add 7.50 pounds/\$12.50. Cheques should be made payable to "Foundation for Endangered Languages" (in pounds sterling), or to "Nicholas Ostler" (in \$US). Payment can also be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, EuroCard). Send orders to: Nicholas Ostler, Foundation for Endangered Languages, Batheaston Villa, 172 Bailbrook Lane, Bath BA1 7AA, England (nostler@chibcha.demon.co.uk).

149.3 HUALAPAI REFERENCE GRAMMAR AVAILABLE AT NO (OR HARDLY ANY) COST

>From Akira Y. Yamamoto (akira@mail.ku.edu) 26 Oct 2001:

Copies of a revised and expanded edition of the *_Hualapai Reference Grammar_* by Lucille J. Watahomigie, Jorigine Bender, Philbert Watahomigie Sr. & Akira Y. Yamamoto (617 pp., 2001) are now available. The first edition of this splendid practical grammar was published in 1982 by the Hualapai Language Project in collaboration with the UCLA American Indian Studies Center. The publication of this new edition has been subsidized by the Endangered Languages of the Pacific Rim Project, under a grant from the Government of Japan, and it is being distributed free of charge other than a small fee for postage and handling. To obtain a copy, write to: Akira Yamamoto, Univ. of Kansas, Dept. of Anthropology, Fraser Hall 622, 1415 Jayhawk Blvd., Lawrence, KS 66045-7556, enclosing a check or money order for \$5 made payable to him.

149.5 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* Malki Museum Press

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>From Chuck Coker (chuckc@tyrell.com) 28 Sep 2001:

I think that the Malki Museum would be a good addition to the list of publishers on the Links page of your website. They are a very small publisher, but the things that they offer cannot be found anywhere else. See their publications page at:

<http://www.malkimuseum.org/publications.html>

for books that are currently in print.

* Windtalkers

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Windtalkers, the much-touted film about the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II which was scheduled to open on November 9, will be held back until June 2002. MGM is delaying the release because of the tense international situation and the "somber national mood" in the US. "It's not a good time for any movie," one of the producers said. In the meantime, a trailer and other information about the film can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.mgm.com/windtalkers/>

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