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159.0 SSILA BUSINESS

Next winter's meeting

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Members are reminded that the next meeting of SSILA will NOT be held in New Orleans in November 2002, with the American Anthropological Association, but in Atlanta, Georgia, in early January 2003, with the Linguistic Society of America, as was announced in Bulletin #156 (January 31).

Those of you who plan to attend the AAA meeting must submit abstracts directly to the AAA, or to a session organizer other than SSILA. For information on sessions being organized under the auspices of the Society for Linguistic Anthropology (SLA) contact the SLA Program Chair, Jack Sidnell, at <jsidnell@northwestern.edu>.

The deadline for AAA paper proposals is March 31st. These can be submitted on-line -- see the AAA website (<http://www.aaanet.org>).

The call for papers for the SSILA/LSA meeting will be sent out in the late spring, and abstracts will be due (to SSILA) at the beginning of September.

159.1 PROCEEDINGS OF 7th STABILIZING INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES CONFERENCE

From Jon Reyhner (Jon.Reyhner@NAU.EDU) 28 Feb 2002:

The 278 page monograph "Indigenous Languages Across the Community", edited by Barbara Burnaby and Jon Reyhner, with papers from the seventh annual Stabilizing Indigenous Languages Conference, held in May 2000 in Toronto, Canada, is now available on the web in pdf format at:

<http://jan.ucc.nau.edu/~jar/ILAC/>

The papers in the volume describe language retention efforts primarily in Canada and the United State, but also in New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Mexico, Russia, and the Caribbean. There are six sections: broad perspectives and policy; language and whole community development; educational advances; languages and literacy development; the media; and the report of a meeting between Inuit and Yupik participants. The papers discuss such issues such as bilingual education, adult education, literacy, teacher training, orthography and dictionary development, the role of religion and culture, and language planning and advocacy strategies.

In addition to the on-line version, the volume will also be available soon in paperback format for \$15 plus postage. Write to Josie Allred, Box 5774, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774, or e-mail Jon Reyhner at <Jon.Reyhner@nau.edu>.

159.2 BIOGRAPHY OF PETITOT TO BE SHOWN ON CANADIAN TV

A film biography of the 19th century Oblate priest, Imile Petitot, will be shown the Canadian cable channel "VisionTV" on Friday, March 22, at 9 pm and 11 pm, Eastern time. In the 1860s Petitot was one of the first whites to live and work among northern Canadian peoples, and his publications include the first authoritative dictionaries of the Dene and Inuit languages. The story of this extraordinarily versatile man -- Roman Catholic priest, scientist, linguist, artist and missionary -- was produced for VisionTV by Tom Shandel and David Balcon. For further details visit the VisionTV website:

<http://www.visiontv.ca>

159.3 UPCOMING MEETINGS

* Languages of the Americas Workshop (Edmonton, March 22-24)

The 7th annual Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas will be held at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, on the weekend of March 22-24.

Invited plenary speakers are Cecil Brown (Northern Illinois U), "How Mesoamerica Became a Linguistic Area"; Paul Kroeber (Indiana U), "Preverbal Positions in Tillamook and its Neighbors"; Ronald W. Langacker (UC San Diego), "Unity and Diversity in Possessive Constructions"; Leslie Saxon (U of Victoria), "Athapaskan Clause Structure and the Positions of Subjects and Objects"; and Sarah Grey Thomason (U of Michigan), "Prominence Marking in Verbal Arguments in Salish and Algonquian." The invited student speaker is Kiel Christianson (Michigan State U), "The Age-related Decrease of Inverse Usage in Odawa: Externally or Internally Driven?" A special Roundtable Discussion on Native Language Education will feature Ofelia Zepeda (U of Arizona), who will talk about the American Indian Language Development Institute.

For the complete program and other information on the meeting visit the conference webpage at

<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~linguist/WSCLA.htm>

* IV Jornadas de Lingüística Aborigen: CANCELLATION

From (ivjornadas@s6.coopenet.com.ar) 8 Mar 2002:

La Comisión Organizadora de las IV JORNADAS DE LINGÜÍSTICA ABORIGEN, que debían realizarse en Buenos Aires entre el 12 y el 14 de junio del presente año, lamenta comunicar que por razones que son de público conocimiento ha resuelto suspender la realización de las mismas. Pedimos disculpas por los inconvenientes que esta situación pudiera haberle causado.

--Ana Gerzenstein (por la Comisión Organizadora)

* Friends of Uto-Aztecan (Mexico City, June, 2002)

From Karen Dakin (dakins@servidor.unam.mx) 23 Feb 2002:

The 2002 meeting of the Friends of Uto-Aztecan (FUAC) will be held in Mexico City, in June. It will be organized by Jose Luis Moctezuma (jmoctezuma.dl.cnan@inah.gob.mx) and Ignacio Guzman. More detailed information will be posted soon.

159.4 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* Yumtzilob

From Cornelis Nieuwland (c.nieuwland@compaqnet.nl) 2 Mar 2002:

Readers of the SSILA Bulletin may be interested in our new website, "Yumtzilob", which focuses on the indigenous cultures and nations of North, Central and South America. It has articles, reviews, indexes of recent publications, and a calendar of events. This site, which is maintained by students in The Netherlands who specialize in the cultures of the American continent, replaces the printed journal "Yumtzilob" that was published between 1988 and 2001.

You can find us at:

<http://www.yumtzilob.com>

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* Mexico Language Page
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Joseph Wiilkie (zapoteco@yahoo.com) maintains a website (still under construction) dedicated to the indigenous languages of Mexico, with individual pages of miscellaneous information--including wordlists--on 50 different languages of Mexico, from the very smallest to the largest.

The address is:

<http://www.angelfire.com/pq/hnahnu/>

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