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Abstract format

* Abstracts should be sent as Microsoft Word or pdf files, attached to an e-mail in which you give your name, e-mail address, snail-mail address, and affiliation. (In the case of co-authored abstracts, give this information for each author, but clearly indicate which will be the presenter.) If you use fonts other than Times, Times New Roman, or Symbol, submission as a pdf is highly recommended; if all members of the Program Committee cannot read your abstract, it may be rejected.

* The abstract, including a very short bibliography and examples, if needed, should be long enough to give the Program Committee a clear idea of the presentation that is being proposed. There is no minimum number of words, but an abstract of fewer than 250 words stands a good chance of being rejected. The maximum is 500 words. All words in examples, including glosses, and numbers in tables, references, abbreviation explanations, and so on, are counted in the 500 word limit. Abstracts longer than 500 words, or that cannot be printed on one side of a single 8.5 x 11 page, will be rejected without being evaluated.

* At the top of the abstract, put the title and two or three key words, such as the name of the language, language family, and subfield of linguistics. Please note the word count at the bottom of the abstract. (These items do not count in the 500 word limit.)

* Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously. Do not include your name in the abstract. It should appear only in the e-mail message accompanying the abstract file (Word or pdf). If you identify yourself in any way in the abstract (e.g. "In Smith (1992) I argued that..."), the abstract will be rejected without being evaluated.

* Abstracts which do not conform to these guidelines will not be considered.

Abstract content

Papers or posters whose main topic does not focus on the indigenous languages of the Americas will be rejected without further consideration by the Program Committee. The Committee requires further that the subject matter be linguistic, that the research presented include new findings or developments not published before the meeting, that the papers not be submitted with malicious or scurrilous intent, and that the abstract be coherent and in accord with these guidelines.

Abstracts are more often rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. The most important criterion is relevance to the understanding of indigenous languages of the Americas, but other factors are important too. It is important to present results so that they will be of interest to the whole SSILA (and larger) linguistic community, not just to those who work on the same language or language family that you do. The LSA guidelines for abstract contents may be helpful, and members who are unfamiliar with abstract style may wish to consult the two model abstracts (one "good" the other "bad") that are posted at the LSA site

The documents that were translated involve prayers, steps, lists, for Alcoholics Anonymous World Services. They were translated by members and World Services wants to check their accuracy before publishing.

If you are interested in this work, we will need to know:

1. Hourly or word rate to proof approx. four documents in each language.
2. Page rate to key in the files and provide a Word file.
3. Are there any special fonts needed?
4. Any additional pertinent information in order for us to proof the hard copy files and typeset them.

Please let me know if you can provide any assistance in any of these areas and the applicable fees that you would seek for the work.

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[NOTE: We received the following request from another translation service for what apparently is the same project.--Ed.]

> From Kathleen Ames (kames@newtypeinc.com) 18 July 2006:

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> I work for a translation firm in New Jersey. One of my clients has requested that we edit several of their publications in the following languages:

> Algonquin
> Micmac
> Mohawk
> Navajo
> Oji-Cree
> Yupik
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> Would readers of the SSILA Bulletin be able to help me locate linguists in these languages?

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* Interview on PBS website

>From Rosemary Beam de Azcona (rosemarybdea@gmail.com) 16 July 2006:

For those of you who are interested, the late Peter Ladefoged and I were interviewed for an interesting documentary which will soon air on the PBS news program "Point Of View." The documentary is about the Gospel Recordings group and the irony that these recordings are often the only record of many dead or dying languages. The interviews with me and Peter were cut out of the film, but are excerpted on the website below. They

cover issues around language and identity, language shift, language endangerment, and what linguists can and can't learn from the type of recordings made by this group.

Here's a link to the site:

http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/tailenders/special_languages2.html

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241.2 Position Open

* Senior Researcher, MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, Germany

>From Bernard Comrie (comrie@eva.mpg.de) 15 July 2006:

The Department of Linguistics at the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig has a vacancy for a Senior Researcher in the areas of language history and prehistory, linguistic typology, and description of little studied and endangered languages.

The five-year non-renewable position is available from 1 January 2007; a later starting date may be negotiable.

Prerequisites for an application are a Ph.D. and publications in one of the above mentioned areas.

The salary is according to the German TVÖD. The Max Planck Society is concerned to employ more disabled people; applications from disabled people are explicitly sought. The Max Planck Society wishes to increase the proportion of women in areas in which they are underrepresented; women are therefore explicitly encouraged to apply.

Applicants are requested to send their complete dossier (including curriculum vitae, description of research interests, two letters of recommendation, and a piece of written work on one of the relevant topics) no later than 30 September 2006 to:

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Please address questions to Bernard Comrie <comrie@eva.mpg.de>.

Information on the Institute is available at:

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