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Papers withdrawn:

Lachlan Duncan, "Phrasal noun incorporation in Chuj Mayan" (Thursday, 4 January, 5:30 pm).

Martha J. Macri, "Contrasting graphic traditions among the ancient Maya" (Friday, 4 January, 11:00 am).

Marianne L. Borroff, "Prosodic influences on the realization of glottal stop in Yatzachi Zapotec" (Friday, 5 January, 2:30 pm).

Paper added:

David L. Shaul, "Tonogenesis in a Piman variety" (to the session on Phonology and Phonetics, Friday, 5 January, 2:30 pm, replacing the paper by Marianne Borroff that has been withdrawn).

Chair replacement needed:

Martha Macri, who was scheduled to chair the session on Historical Linguistics (Part 1) on Friday morning, January 5, is recuperating from an accident and will be unable to attend the meeting. If anyone would like to volunteer to replace her, they should contact the secretary (golla@ssila.org).

* Audiovisual equipment at the Anaheim Meeting

The meeting rooms for all SSILA sessions will be equipped with a microphone. overhead projector, and screen. In addition, a computer (LCD) projector will be available for use by participants in the Friday morning session on Phonetics and Prosody and in the Friday afternoon session on Phonology and Phonetics. Presenters who need an LCD projector in other sessions should plan on bringing their own equipment, including cables,

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Here are two URLs with information relevant to the question of SIL and the ISO coding standards. SSILA readers may not be acquainted with this information.

1. A book, Language Diversity Endangered, edited by Matthias Brenzinger:

http://www.degruyter.com/rs/bookSingle.cfm?id=IS-9783110170498-1&l=E

Available in January, it contains chapters written by specialists on the situation of the languages of all regions of the world (Nicholas Evans on Australia, for example, and Darrell Tryon on the Austronesian of Oceana; for the Americas, Akira Y. Yamamoto for North America, Colette Grinevald on Central America, Willem Adelaar on Highland South America, and myself on Lowland South America). Aside from each language's name(s) and genetic affiliation, attention is given to the most relevant factors in the situation of the language, such as the number of speakers, the degree of transmission, and the degree of study. While certainly not a perfect account, it is probably not inferior to the information in Ethnologue and demonstrates that a coordinated effort of specialists can assemble the data effectively, in line with the recent proposal of the SSILA executive committee.

2. Given the differing claims about SIL practice -- whether the group is a "proselytizing organization" aiming at replacing native religion, as Hein van der Voort states, or whether it "is a misimpression that SIL is a proselytizing organization," as Rudy Troike claims -- SSILA readers may wish to judge the question for themselves by consulting this article:

http://www.canadianchristianity.com/cgi-bin/bc.cgi?bc/bccn/0101/supgod

There, missionaries are reporting their activities in Brazilian Amazonia to other missionaries, so there is no question of negative bias, nor any reason to think that the practices and outlook are atypical.

--Denny Moore Museu Goeldi, Belém, Brazil (moore@amazon.com.br) [Following up on Moore's second URL: Members attending the Anaheim meeting may be interested in the special LSA session on "Missionaries and Scholars: The Overlapping Agendas of Linguists in the Field" that is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, Jan 6, 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Organized by Lise Dobrin, the session will include presentations by Jeff Good, William Svelmore, Courtney Handmore, Patience Epps, Ken Olsen, and Dan Everett, as well as Dobrin herself. --Ed.]

* ICHL & Histling

>From J C Smith (johncharles.smith@st-catherines.oxford.ac.uk) 20 Dec 2006:

Two important announcements...

First, a reminder that the deadline for submitting abstracts for the next International Conference on Historical Linguistics (to be held in Montreal between 6 and 12 August 2007) is 1 February 2007. Full details can be found on the Conference web site:

http://www.ichl2007.uqam.ca

Second, Claire Bowern has generously offered to resurrect the Histling mailing list -- an open list for discussion and posting of announcements in relation to any topic in historical linguistics and language change.

To subscribe, visit

https://mailman.rice.edu/mailman/listinfo/histling-l

and fill in your e-mail address. Only members will be able to post to the list, but posts will be unmoderated.

For any questions, please contact the list administrator, Claire Bowern (bowern@rice.edu).

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