

LAGB Annual Meeting 2009: University of Edinburgh Fiftieth Anniversary Golden Jubilee Meeting

Second Circular

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be the fiftieth anniversary meeting. The first meeting was held at SOAS in London from 30th October to 1st November 1959. The Golden Jubilee meeting will be held at the University of Edinburgh, from 6th to 9th September 2009. The local organisers will be **Nikolas Gisborne**, **Patrick Honeybone**, and **Penelope Thompson**. The Meeting will last for four days and will depart from the pattern of recent meetings a little, in order to accommodate a celebration of our fiftieth anniversary. The pattern of meals provided also differs somewhat from previous meetings.

For further details of the history of the LAGB, see: www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/lagbhist.htm
See also: Hudson, Richard (2009) 'A history of the LAGB: the first fifty years.' *Journal of Linguistics* 45, 1-30.

This circular is available here: www.lagb.org.uk/meetings.htm

The meeting email address is: lagb2009@ling.ed.ac.uk

The meeting website with the conference **programme** is here: www.lel.ed.ac.uk/lagb2009

Special events

1. The Association has decided, as part of the celebration of 50 years of LAGB meetings, to invite members of the UK linguistic scene to speak on the past 50 years of developments in key aspects of linguistics, and look forward to the future. These talks will be given as part of a **Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium** on the afternoon and evening of **Sunday 6th September**. The speakers are: **Ronnie Cann** (University of Edinburgh), speaking on developments in Semantics and Pragmatics, **John Harris** (University College London), speaking on Phonetics and Phonology, **Caroline Heycock** (University of Edinburgh), speaking on Syntax and Morphology, **Dick Hudson** (University College London), speaking on the history of the LAGB, and **Nigel Vincent** (University of Manchester), speaking on the institutional status of linguistics in UK universities
2. Following on from the Symposium, there will be a **Golden Jubilee Dinner** on the evening of 6th September. Past presidents of the LAGB and founder and honorary LAGB members have been invited to attend the dinner.
3. The *Journal of Linguistics*, the LAGB's journal (published for the Association by Cambridge University Press), is marking its 45th volume in 2009, and this will also be celebrated as part of this year's meeting, at a wine reception sponsored by Cambridge University Press. The editors of *JL* will be happy to answer questions about the Journal throughout the conference and one or more of the editors will be available for discussion on Tuesday 8th September from 2.00-4.00 pm, in a designated 'office hour'.
4. There will be a **Language Tutorial** on **Scottish Gaelic**, by David Adger (Queen Mary, University of London).
5. There will be a session organised by the LAGB's **Education Committee** with the title "Typology for schools." Those involved in the event include Anna Siewierska (University of Lancaster, speaking on syntax) and Greville G. Corbett (University of Surrey, speaking on inflectional categories), each presenting topics and materials that might be used in schools. For further details see the Education Committee's website: www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm
6. There will be a session aimed at Postgraduates on **Teaching in Linguistics**, organised by the LAGB's Student Committee and supported by the Subject Centre for Languages, Linguistics and Area Studies. This will be held on Monday 7th September and will feature Klaus Abels (University College London), Kersti Börjars (University of Manchester), Patrick Honeybone (University of Edinburgh) and Willem Hollmann (Lancaster University). Other events specifically for Postgraduates will also be organised on the 7th September by the Student Committee, including an evening get-together.

Research Postgraduate students could attend the two 'education' sessions (5 and 6) as a training event, as both are on the same day. If students would like this to count towards formalised skills training, the LAGB can provide an attendance certificate, stating the events and hours involved. Contact the LAGB President for further details.

Bookings for the 2009 meeting should be made using the **website** set up at the University of Edinburgh for this purpose. The full package, including the conference fee, accommodation for three nights and all the meals that are provided at the conference (including the Golden Jubilee Dinner) costs **£215** for LAGB members; it is also possible to book for selected items. To find the booking website, please follow the instructions on the meeting website:

- www.lel.ed.ac.uk/lagb2009
- NB: evening meals are not provided during the meeting, apart from the special Golden Jubilee Dinner on Sunday 6th September; participants requiring accommodation outside of the three nights of the meeting will be able to book it themselves – information on this is provided on the meeting website
- If you have any questions about booking, please contact lagb2009@ling.ed.ac.uk

Booking deadline: There is a discount on bookings received by **6th August 2009**, expressed as a ‘late fee’ for bookings received after that date.

Accommodation: Basic ensuite rooms are available near to the conference venue - you can book accommodation for the three nights of the conference on the booking website. Further details are provided on the conference website.

Meals: The Association is experimenting with a new pattern in the provision of meals at the meeting. Lunch will be provided on days 2, 3 and 4 of the conference (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and the only evening meal provided will be the celebratory Golden Jubilee Dinner on the Sunday evening. There is a vast array of restaurants and cafes in Edinburgh, many near the university, and advice on where to dine out will be provided on the meeting website. If you book meals, please indicate if you are vegetarian or have other dietary requirements when you book.

Travel: Edinburgh is easily accessible by rail, road and air, and the university is within walking distance of the main Edinburgh train station (and the rest of the city centre)

- further local information is available on the conference website: www.lel.ac.uk/lagb2009/

Venue: The meeting’s events will be held in a number of buildings in the University of Edinburgh’s Central Area. The Fiftieth Anniversary Symposium on Sunday 6th September will be held in the Playfair Library in Old College, the talks on 7th - 9th September will be held in the Dugald Stewart Building, and the lunches will be in other venues nearby. Further details will be posted on the meeting website.

Guests and non-members: Members may invite any number of guests to meetings of the Association, and non-members may attend without invitation; an additional guest fee of £10.00 is payable on booking for non-members, in addition to the standard fees. This can be avoided by joining the Association before booking.

Abstracts will be available on the conference website.

Registration will start at 11.00am on Sunday 6th September. The registration desk will be signposted, and further details will be available on the conference website.

Bar: The university buildings where the meeting is taking place are centrally located in Edinburgh and there are many pubs and cafes nearby. Further information will be posted on the meeting website.

LAGB Annual General Meeting: This is to be held on the afternoon of Monday 7th September. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Honorary Secretary (address below).

Sign Language Interpreting: It is not possible for cost reasons to provide interpreting for all sessions as a matter of course, but if you require interpreting for particular sessions, please contact the President, as early as possible (contact details below), and we will endeavour to provide it.

Communications with the membership

Website

The LAGB website can be found at www.lagb.org.uk

Mailing list

Details of the LAGB mailing list can be found here: www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/lagb.html

The list is used to distribute circulars and other information and to consult members. All members are subscribed to the list by the Membership Secretary. Messages sent to lagb@jiscmail.ac.uk will be distributed to the list, once they have been approved by a list moderator. Any member may send messages to the list.

Changes of address

Please send notification of changes of address to the Membership Secretary (for contact details see below).

Future Meetings

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2010 The University of Leeds: 1st-4th September 2010

2011 The University of Manchester: dates to be arranged

2012 The University of Salford: dates to be arranged

2013 Your University here ...?

The Meetings Secretary would very much like to receive offers of future venues, particularly from institutions which the LAGB has not visited for a while, or has not previously visited.

Nominations for speakers, workshops and language tutorials (language and/or speaker) at future meetings are also requested; all suggestions should be emailed to the Honorary Secretary. The nominations collected will be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, which is held as part of the Annual meeting.

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Election of Meetings Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer

The current terms of office for the Meetings Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer end this year, so nominations were requested for these positions in the first circular of this year, with a deadline of 5th April.

- The current Treasurer has only served one term, and is the only nominee for this position, and so will be re-elected at the 2009 AGM for a second and final term (the LAGB constitution allows committee members to serve for two consecutive terms).
- The Assistant Secretary has now served two terms and so is standing down. Only one member was nominated for this position: Pierre Larrivé (Aston University). As he is the only nominee for this position, he will be elected at the 2009 AGM as Assistant Secretary.
- The Meetings Secretary has now also served two terms and so is also standing down. Only one member was nominated for this position: Oliver Bond (SOAS). As he is the only nominee for this position, he will be elected at the 2009 AGM as Meetings Secretary.