

LAGB Annual Meeting 2010: University of Leeds

First Circular and Call for Papers

The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Leeds, from 1st to 4th September. The local organisers will be **Diane Nelson** and **Cécile De Cat**. The Meeting will last four days and will feature several special events, listed below.

Special events

1. The **Henry Sweet Lecture 2010** will be delivered by Professor **Stephen Levinson** (Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen) on the evening of 1st September, title to be confirmed.
2. The **Linguistics Association Lecture 2010** will be delivered by Professor **Joan L. Bybee** (University of New Mexico) on 4th September, with the title 'Exemplar semantics: implications for grammatical meaning'.
3. There will be a **special workshop** related to Stephen Levinson's Henry Sweet Lecture, on 1st September organized by Kasia Jaszczolt. Further details will be made available in the second circular.
4. There will also be a **special themed session** on 4th September, related to Joan Bybee's Linguistics Association Lecture, with the title '**Exemplar- and construction-based approaches to grammar**', for which abstracts are now invited. These should be submitted in the same way as abstracts for the general sessions, but should be clearly marked as intended for the special session.
5. There will be a Language Tutorial on **Herero**, given by **Lutz Marten** (School of Oriental and African Studies).
6. The **LAGB Education Committee** will hold a two-hour discussion on corpora in teaching (at both undergraduate and school levels). The panelists will include Dan Clayton (UCL) speaking on corpora in English teaching, and Vivienne Rogers (University of Oxford) speaking on corpora in foreign language teaching. Further details will soon be made available on this website:
www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm.

Venue

The conference will be held at Devonshire Hall, a self-contained and cloistered traditional college complex located in a quiet, leafy part of Headingley, 3 miles from Leeds city centre and a 20 minute walk from the main university campus. Headingley is a lively area of Leeds with a large student population; shops, pubs, cafes and the world-famous cricket ground lie within a short walking distance. Close by, the Meanwood Valley Trail offers pleasant walks as it passes through the forest of Batty's Wood on its way to the Yorkshire Dales. Leeds itself is one of Britain's fastest-growing and most dynamic cities, a thriving commercial and cultural centre, with excellent shopping and an exuberant nightlife that attracts visitors from all over Britain. For those drawn to the countryside, the spectacular Yorkshire Dales and their picturesque ancient villages begin only half an hour away.

Accommodation

Rooms will be available at the conference venue. Further details will be provided in the second circular.

Travel

Leeds is centrally located on main rail lines from London and Manchester, and connects with the main East Coast line to York and Edinburgh. The conference venue is a 45 minute walk from the city centre, but is easily reached by bus or taxi from the city centre and rail station. The M1 leads to the city from the south.

Leeds-Bradford International Airport is just 7 miles from the conference venue and is most easily reached by taxi. Basic location information can be found at:

<http://www.meetinleeds.co.uk/devonshirehall.html>

Call for Papers

Both members and non-members are invited to offer papers for the Meeting. The LAGB welcomes submissions on any topic in the field of linguistics; papers are selected on their (perceived) merits, and not according to their subject matter or theoretical framework.

How and when to submit an abstract

All abstracts should be submitted electronically. You will need to send an email with **two attachments** – one of the attached files should be an anonymous copy of the abstract (and should be named yoursurname-anon.pdf, or yoursurname-anon.doc, etc.), and the other should have your name, email address and affiliation, i.e. be **camera ready** (and should be named yoursurname-name.pdf, etc.). The abstracts should be formatted in the style outlined below, and the email to which they are attached should be sent to the President at this address: lagb.abstracts@gmail.com). In the body of the email you should include the title of the abstract, the names of co-authors, if any, and an address for correspondence (email and surface), Correspondence about the abstract will be only with the sender of the e-mail. The attached files should be in one of the following formats: pdf (preferred), or Word, or plain text. Any phonetic characters should either be embedded in a pdf file, or be in the Doulos SIL font, which can be downloaded for free from this site: <http://scripts.sil.org/DoulosSIL> download

Papers for the programme are selected anonymously – only the President knows the name of the authors and does not participate in the selection. If an abstract is accepted for the meeting, the camera-ready copy will be used to produce the abstracts booklet. All abstracts should be accompanied (in the email) by details of **any** requirements for **audiovisual equipment**. While we will make every effort to provide such equipment, we cannot guarantee that it will be available. The normal length for papers delivered at LAGB meetings is 25 minutes (plus 15 minutes discussion). All abstracts must arrive before or on **4th April 2010**. The committee will plan the programme as soon as it has selected the abstracts, so please indicate **in the e-mail that you send with the abstracts** if you cannot present your paper on any particular day of the conference. Please indicate on the anonymous abstract if your presentation is intended for the themed session on **Exemplar- and construction-based approaches to grammar**.

Abstract format

Abstracts must be presented as follows: the complete, camera-ready abstract (i.e. the one containing your name and affiliation) must be no longer than **one A4 page** with margins of at least 2.5cm on all sides. Only the first page of any abstract submitted will be considered – no appendices or pages for references can be accepted. If the formatting instructions are not followed the abstract may not be considered. You may use single spacing but type must be no smaller than 12 points. If the paper is accepted, the abstract will be inserted directly into the collection of abstracts given to participants, so the presentation should be clear and clean.

The following layout should be considered as standard:

(title) **Optimality and the Klingon vowel shift**

(speaker and email address) *Clark Kent* (clark@astro.mars.ac.mars)

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Content of abstracts

The following guidelines may be useful:

- You should clearly describe the paper's general topic. The topic may be a problem of theory or analysis or set of data which have not previously been analysed.
- You should describe your treatment of the topic, and how it relates to previous work on the same topic. (When referring to previous work, it is enough to cite "Author (Date)" in the body of the abstract without giving full bibliographical details.) It is not acceptable simply to promise a solution.
- You should explain how you will justify your treatment, and cite crucial evidence - you must trust the committee (and other conference attendees) not to steal your ideas before you have presented them. If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarise the arguments that lead you to take up this position.

Themed sessions

As well as individual abstracts, groups of speakers may submit a set of abstracts for a themed session (or panel) on any linguistic subject of their choice. Such groups will normally take up a whole session (ideal numbers of abstracts for such sessions might be 3, 4, 5 or 6). All the abstracts for such sessions will be considered together, as a group, and one contact for the whole session should be provided. Abstracts for such themed sessions should be submitted together, to the President, with the same format as specified for individual abstracts. Please contact the president directly if you have any questions about this.

Conference bursaries for postgraduate students and unwaged members

Up to fifteen bursaries are available for unsalaried members of the Association (e.g. PhD students). Preference will be given to those who are presenting a paper, but if there are not fifteen applications from those presenting papers, applications from non-presenting attendees will also be considered. Applications should be sent to the President, and must be received by the deadline for abstracts. If you are submitting an abstract and applying for a bursary, **both should be submitted together** - if you are submitting your abstract electronically, you should include the application as another attachment to the message. If you are not submitting an abstract, but are eligible for a bursary, then you are still encouraged to apply (by email, to the President, whose contact details are given below).

Applicants for bursaries must be members of the Association, although applications for membership may be submitted at the same time as applications for bursaries (applications for membership should be sent to the Membership Secretary, address below). The **application form** for the bursaries can be downloaded from the LAGB website from this address: <http://www.lagb.org.uk/sponsorships.htm>

The bursary normally covers the conference registration fee and travel within the UK, but not accommodation costs. Those presenting a paper will receive an additional amount of £40.00 as a contribution to other costs.

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 to be used to disseminate circulars and other information that may be of interest to members and to consult members. You will be subscribed to the list by the Membership Secretary, but may ask to be unsubscribed, if you so choose. Messages sent to lagb@jiscmail.ac.uk will be distributed to the list, once they have been approved by a list moderator. Please note that mailing list messages should be text only, without attachments.

Changes of address

Members are reminded to send notification of changes of address to the Membership Secretary (for contact details see below). An institutional address is preferred.

Future Meetings

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2011 University of Manchester (7th-10th September 2011)

2012 University of Salford (5th-8th September 2012)

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

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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Nominations for the roles of Honorary Secretary and Membership Secretary

The first terms of office for the Honorary Secretary and Membership Secretary end this year, so nominations are requested for these positions. The LAGB constitution allows committee members to serve for two consecutive terms and the current Honorary Secretary has indicated that he is prepared to stand again. The committee have thus nominated him for a second term. Further nominations are welcome. Any member may be nominated by any other member, and nominations for both positions should be sent to the Assistant Secretary by **4th April 2010**.