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137.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Reminder: Tapes of TV series on Canadian languages >From mushkeg (mushkeg@videotron.ca) 27 Apr 2001:

Just a reminder that videotapes of programs in the TV series on Canadian aboriginal languages, "Finding Our Talk," are now available for purchase. If you need more information, feel free to e-mail or call at 514-279-9576.

--Sylvie Condo Mushkeg Media Montreal, Quebec (<u>mushkeg@videotron.ca</u>) Size of aboriginal groups?

>From Tasaku Tsunoda (<u>tsunoda@tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp</u>) 25 Apr 2001:

I would very much appreciate information on the average size of the population of the aboriginal groups throughout the world in pre-contact days. I have an impression that the (estimated) average size of 500 for Australian tribes is far smaller than that in other parts of the world. Is this true?

--Tasaku Tsunoda Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology University of Tokyo, Japan (tsunoda@tooyoo.l.u-tokyo.ac.jp)

Help with street name? >From Deborah Navarra (pdljac@aol.com) 3 May 2001:

I live on the North Shore of Long Island an area once originally largely populated by Native Americans. My children are studying Long Island history in school, and we were wondering what may have been the original meaning of our street name -- "Wayaawi". Other street names near us are "Quannacut and "Mishaupan" and "Oneiquat".

Thank you very much for any assistance that you may be able to provide.

--The Navarra Family One Wayaawi Avenue Bayville, NY 11709 (<u>pdljac@aol.com</u>)

The Rosetta Project >From Jim Mason (jimmason@longnow.org) 23 Apr 2001:

The Rosetta Project is a global collaboration of language specialists and native speakers working to develop a contemporary version of the Rosetta Stone. Our goal is a meaningful survey and near-permanent archive of 1,000 languages. Our intention is to create a unique platform for contemporary comparative linguistic research and education, as well as a functional linguistic tool that might help in the recovery of lost languages in unknown futures.

We are creating this broad language archive through an open contribution, open review process (a Linux of Linguistics) and we invite you to participate. The resulting archive will be publicly available in three different media: a micro-etched nickel disk with 2,000 year life expectancy; a single volume monumental reference book; and through a growing online archive at:

http://www.rosettaproject.org

--Jim Mason Director, The Rosetta Project (jimmason@longnow.org)

137.2 POSITION OPEN

* One-year position at University of Alaska Fairbanks

>From Gary Holton (gary.holton@UAF.EDU) 26 Apr 2001:

The Linguistics Program at the University of Alaska Fairbanks seeks to fill a one-year, full-time temporary position in Linguistics. This is a sabbatical replacement position. Teaching load is three courses per semester. Responsibilities include teaching courses in language and culture, language acquisition, second language teaching, bilingualism, language and gender, introductory linguistics, or other areas as determined by departmental needs and the background of the applicant. Required qualifications: Ph.D. in Linguistics or a related field (though ABD will be considered), and a demonstrated record of teaching and scholarship. Rank and salary will be based on qualifications and experience. The position begins Fall 2001. Send letter and CV to: Charlotte Basham, Linguistics Program, Box 757720, UAF, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7720 (tel: 907/474-6884, e-mail: ffcsb@uaf.edu).

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137.3 UPCOMING MEETINGS

* Congress in Oslo on Missionary Linguistics in 2003

>From Otto Zwartjes (<u>otto.zwartjes@kri.uio.no</u>) 2 May 2001:

Even Hovdhaugen and myself have the pleasure to announce that Oslo University will be organizing a Congress on Missionary Linguistics in 2003.

After the discovery of the New World the Europeans began to establish their hegemony in a new continent. European expansion, colonization and christianization of a large number and variety of Amerindian tribes was accompanied by the study and recording of the native languages of the Americas. In the same period, Christian missionary activities escalated in Asia, especially the Far East, and in Russia, and a little later in Africa. In the early 19th century, the Pacific became a new "America" for missionary linguistics. This Congress aims to outline the state of research done in the field. The subjects are to some extent limited in time (focusing primarily on the period 1492-1850) but not in space. This conference aims particularly at inter-relating grammars written in different languages (Latin, Spanish, Portuguese, English, French, Dutch, etc.), by missionaries of different orders (Dominicans, Franciscans, Jesuits, etc.), and in different continents. We wish to "globalize" the discipline, crossing national and linguistic frontiers in order to create new views and to open new horizons.

For more details, see:

http://www.hf.uio.no/kri/mlc

--Otto Zwartjes

137.4 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* Yinka Dene Language Institute: new address

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>From William J. Poser (<u>wposerpg@home.com</u>) 25 Apr 2001:

The YDLI web site has moved. The new address is:

http://www.cnc.bc.ca/yinkadene/ydindex.htm

--Bill Poser Yinka Dene Language Institute Vanderhoof, BC Canada (wposerpg@home.com)

[The Yinka Dene Language Institute is devoted to the preservation and promotion of Dene (Athabaskan) language and culture in British Columbia. The YDLI website has extensive information on the Dakelh (Carrier) language, as well as facts and figures about the other Native languages in BC. --Ed.]

* Grammar of Tanacross (Alaskan Athabaskan)

Gary Holton's UC Santa Barbara dissertation "The Phonology and Morphology of the Tanacross Athabaskan Language" (August 2000, 353 pp) is now accessible online in pdf format. The URL is:

http://www.faculty.uaf.edu/ffgmh1/holton.pdf

Tanacross, an endangered language with only 60 remaining speakers, is typical of the Athabaskan family in its typological characteristics. Holton's treatment is modern but informal, and in addition to thorough coverage of phonology and morphology it includes a discussion of the Tanacross Practical Orthography; paradigms for the Conjugation-Mode-Subject-Classifier prefix complex; an analyzed text (in interlinear format, with morpheme and phrase-level glosses); and a selected vocabulary.

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