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152.0 SSILA BUSINESS

Website to move (and get repaired)

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We are happy to announce that the SSILA website will soon be moving to a server at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. As many frustrated users of the site know, the Directory and other databases have not been working for several months, due to a software problem, and our current domain host has offered little or no technical support. We expect that the move to Buffalo will allow us to solve the database problem quickly.

The domain address (www.ssila.org) will remain unchanged, although some bookmarks may have to be renewed.

Credit card payment

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We are also working on setting up a system for credit card payment of membership dues. Members residing outside the US and Canada have had increasing difficulty in paying by check or money order, and we hope that allowing for credit card payment will alleviate this problem.

We anticipate that arrangements will be complete in a few weeks.

152.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Articles on small languages and communities

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From dorian (ndorian@zwi.net) 29 Nov 2001:

As readers of the SSILA Bulletin may know, the *International Journal of the Sociology of Language* regularly publishes a special section (which I edit) entitled "Small Languages and Small Language Communities." Some SLSLC sections are coming up that may be of particular interest to SSILA. These include the last one for the current year (SLSLC 36), "Culture and Language Revitalization, Maintenance, and Development in Mexico: The Nahua and Alto Balsas communities," by Jose Antonio Farfan; and the first one for next year (SLSLC 37), "A Collaborative Model for Preparing Indigenous Curators of a Heritage Language," by N. Louanna Furbee and Lori A. Stanley. SLSLC 34, which is already out as the first one of this present year, was "Using the Telephone as a Community Language Center," by Alice Taff.

--Nancy Dorian
Harpswell, Maine

Indigenous language policy in Russia and elsewhere

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From Andrei Yury Filtchenko (andreif@ruf.rice.edu) 29 Nov 2001:

A year ago I did some research in the area of Siberian indigenous

languages and the history of policies towards them in Russia -- with a bit of comparative perspective on Canada, Australia, and the USA -- which I compiled in a policy-research paper of sorts that is now in the process of publication. The text is at:

<http://www.owlnet.rice.edu/~andreif/project.html>

(follow the link on top to "Policy Paper").

Suggestions and opinions would be very welcome and thoroughly appreciated.

--Andrei Filtchenko
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152.2 RICE TO BE NEW EDITOR OF IJAL

From Robert Shirrell (rshirrell@press.uchicago.edu) 28 Nov 2001:

The University of Chicago Press is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Keren Rice, of the University of Toronto, as the next editor of the International Journal of American Linguistics. Professor Rice's five-year term will begin with the 2003 volume of the journal, and she will take up work in the summer of next year. In the next few months we will announce details of the transition from Professor David Rood, to whom the Press is very grateful for more than twenty years of service to the journal.

--Robert Shirrell, Journals Manager
The University of Chicago Press

152.3 POSITIONS OPEN

* Native American anthropology at U of New Mexico
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From Tiffany Lee (tslee@unm.edu) 26 Nov 2001:

To fill the faculty position held by Professor Alfonso Ortiz from 1974

original research in areas such as language contact, multilingualism, language socialization, language ideology, verbal art, narrative analysis, non-verbal communication.

If you are interested or you know of someone who might be appropriate for the appointment, please contact me. Until Sunday 12/1, I will be at the AAA meetings, at the Marriott in Washington, DC.

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152.4 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

* In Memoriam Ken Hale

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David Nash, at Australian National University, is maintaining a page at his website titled "In Memoriam Ken Hale 1934-2001". It has links to the texts of numerous obituaries and tributes, including a poem by Haj Ross. The URL is:

<http://www.anu.edu.au/linguistics/nash/aust/hale/memoriam.html>

* Bill Bright on "Squaw"

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The text of Bill Bright's paper on "The Sociolinguistics of the 'S-Word': Squaw in American Placenames" (published in *Names* 48.3/4, Sept/Dec 2000) is available online at:

<http://www.ncidc.org/bright/unpublished.html>

* Washo revitalization

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From Dennis King (donnchal@home.com) 27 Nov 2001:

For a look at a bold effort to save a small indigenous language in Nevada

and California, Washiw (aka Washoe, Washo), please see:

<http://www.greatbasinweb.com/millennium/washoe.html>

* New posting on SIL-Mexico site

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From Albert Bickford (albert_bickford@sil.org) 23 Nov 2001:

I am pleased to announce the posting of the following item to the SIL-Mexico website:

Marlett, Stephen A. and Velma B. Pickett. Pluralization in Zapotec Languages.

<http://www.sil.org/mexico/zapoteca/G025a-ZapotecPlurals.htm>

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this publication.

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