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186.1 Correspondence

\* Canadian House of Languages

From Peter Bakker (Peter.Bakker@humanities.dk) 4 Feb 2003:

The Canadian government announced in December that it would be devoting \$172.5 million in funding to establish and operate a new Aboriginal Languages and Cultures Centre. For more details go to:

## http://www.pch.gc.ca/index\_e.cfm

Click on "News Releases" or "Speeches" in the Media Room and look under December 19.

--Peter Bakker Danish Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities Copenhagen (peter.bakker@humanities.dk) \* Transcriber software? ^^^^ From Kevin Connelly (kconon@mac.com) 31 Jan 2003:

I am a linguist and from the Onondaga Reservation in Upstate New York. I use an Apple MacIntosh computer (OS 9 or OS 10), together with a DAT recorder and a "regular" analogue cassette recorder. I have the necessary hardware and a sound card and can easily get all my recordings into my Mac as digital data sets (AIFF files). What I don't have is a nice TRANSCRIBER program that works with a Mac. I would appreciate any help, advice, or recommendations you can offer.

--Kevin Connelly (kconon@mac.com)

186.2 New Discussion List on South American Languages

From Eduardo Rivail Ribeiro (erribeir@midway.uchicago.edu) 16 Jan 2003:

"Etnolinguistica" is a new e-mail list which promotes the exchange of ideas and information on lowland South American languages. The list also provides a forum for the presentation of papers and squibs on indigenous South American languages and on general topics which may be of particular interest to those dedicated to the study of indigenous languages (including language endangerment, literacy projects, documentation, field work issues, among others). To subscribe to the list, please send an e-mail (with no subject and no text) to the address:

etnolinguistica-subscribe@yahoogrupos.com.br

To visit the group's web page, please go to

http://br.groups.yahoo.com/group/etnolinguistica

Portuguese is the main language of the list, but contributions in other languages are, naturally, very much welcome.

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186.3 Upcoming Meetings

\* Workshop on the Languages of the Americas (Brandon, Manitoba, March 7-9)

From WSCLA8 mail (WSCLA8@BrandonU.CA) 23 Jan 2003:

Below is the preliminary schedule for the 8th Workshop on Structure and Constituency in the Languages of the Americas (WSLA8), to be held at the Victoria Inn in Brandon, Manitoba, March 7-9, 2003: Introductory Remarks: Eleanor Blain John D. Nichols (U Minnesota, Guest Speaker), "Anihshininiimowin (Severn Ojibwe): Is it Oji-Cree?" David Pentland (U Manitoba), "Interaction between Cree and Ojibwa: A Historical Perspective" Jan van Eijk (SIFC, Regina), "Lillooet between Sechelt and Shuswap" Jeff Muehlbauer (UBC), "The Syntax of Dependent Nouns in Menominee" Augusto Lorenzino (Temple U), "Spanish-contact effects on Santiagueño Quechua" Shanley Allen (Boston U), "The effect of typological differences in language contact: Code-mixing in adult Inuktitut-English bilinguals" Rose-Marie Déchaine (UBC), "The Internal Structure of vP in Plains Cree" Martina Wiltschko (UBC), "On ergative (and other) splits in Salish" Clare Cook (UBC), "Menominee Preverbs as Functional Heads" Leslie Saxon (U Victoria), "The complementizer \*gú in Athapaskan: A survey of functions" Nicole Rosen (U Toronto, Guest Speaker), "A Phonology of Michif" Robert Papen (UQAM), "Michif: One phonology or two?" Charlotte Reinholtz (Queens), "Association with Focus in Cree: A predication account" Julie Brittain (Memorial U), "A Distributed Morphology Account of the Algonquian Verb" Peter Bakker (Aarhus U, Denmark, Guest Speaker), "Three languages in one word: English verbs in Michif" Mark Smith (U Saskatchewan), [title to come] Strang Burton (Sto:lo Nation language program) & Martina Wiltschko (UBC), "On the Morpho-syntactic basis of certain 'Agent-hierarchy-effects' in Salish" Lynn Whidden (Brandon U), "Music in Contact: Examples from Swampy Cree and Dakota" Round-Table Discussion: Language Education Presentation: Doris Pratt (Brandon U), "The Dakota Language in Manitoba" Plains Banquet: Roast Bison and all the trimmings. \* Linguistic Diversity and Language Theories (Boulder, May 14-17) ····· From Zygmunt Frajzyngier (Zygmunt.Frajzyngier@COLORADO.EDU) 20 Jan 2003: We would like to update you on the International Symposium on Linguistic Diversity and Language Theories, to be held May 14-17, 2003 at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

The purpose of the Symposium is to identify hitherto unstated or understated fundamental issues in linguistic theories taking into account the rich variation of forms and functions observed in the languages of the world. The symposium will examine the goals of both theories of language structure and theories of language evolution. One of the expected outcomes of the symposium will be a new set of questions to be addressed by language theories.

The following is a list of confirmed participants:

Greville Corbett, University of Sussex Michael Cysouw, Zentrum für Allgemeine Sprachwissenschaft, Berlin Matthew Dryer, University of Buffalo Nick Evans, University of Melbourne Zygmunt Frajzyngier, University of Colorado David Gil, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig Ferdinand de Haan, University of Arizona Claude Haghge, Collhge de France, Paris Gilbert Lazard, Collhge de France, Paris Frank Lichtenberk, University of Auckland Marianne Mithun, University of California, Santa Barbara Robert Nicolao, University of Nice Regina Pustet, University of Mznchen, Stephane Robert, CNRS-LLACAN, Villejuif, France Anders Soegaard, University of Copenhagen Liang Tao, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio Farzad Sharifian, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia Gil^Rad Zuckerman, Churchill College, University of Cambridge

There are still a few presentation spots available, and we are accepting abstracts until February 15. We are looking for papers dealing with natural language phenomena that need to be accounted for by linguistic theories, and issues detailed in the conference themes below.

You are welcome to attend even if you are not presenting a paper. The registration fee is \$30. The conference program will be available March 15. Please visit our Web site for more information:

http://www.colorado.edu/linguistics/symposium.

## \* Athabascan Languages Conference (Arcata, California, June 4-7)

The 2003 Athabascan Languages Conference will be held at Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, during the first week of June. An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, June 4, followed by two days of general sessions. The meeting will conclude on Saturday morning, June 7, with a separately organized session on "Morphological Change and Comparative Work in Athabaskan languages."

For the general sessions, papers and presentations on any aspect of Athabascan structure, history, and language education are welcome. Presentations that focus on the conference theme, "Adaptation and Change in Athabascan Languages" will be especially welcome, and at least one session will be focused on such topics as innovation in vocabulary, the influence of English, and changes in language function. Prospective participants in the general sessions should e-mail a title and short abstract to the conference organizer, Victor Golla (gollav@axe.humboldt.edu), by April 1. Small travel subsidies may be available to participants, but this will not be known until April. If you are interested in participating but think that you might not be able to attend without travel support, let us know when you submit your abstract.

The special session on Morphological Change and Comparative Work is being organized by Dagmar Jung (U of Cologne) and Keren Rice (U of Toronto). The aim of the session is to exchange research results and stimulate new work in the field of diachronic studies within the Athabascan language family. Especially welcome are papers on historical morphology. Topics may include morphological change within one language or within a whole language group. Inquiries of historical changes that lead to an eventual restructuring of grammatical categories are of special interest. Since within the last few years new Athabaskan data has become available this special session may also result in a reevaluation of Athabascan dialect and language relationships.

Anyone interested in participating in this session should e-mail a short abstract to the organizers (rice@chass.utoronto.ca, djung@uni-koeln.de) with a copy to Victor Golla (gollav@axe.humboldt.edu). These should reach us by April 1.

Information on travel and accommodations will be posted soon at the Athabascan Conference website (http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/alc).

\* Athapaskan Material Culture & Migrations (Estes Park, CO, Sept 18-20) From Martin Magne (Marty.Magne@pc.gc.ca) 6 Jan 2003:

We are organizing an "Athapaskan Material Culture and Migrations" Symposium and Workshop at the next Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference in Denver. The dates for that conference are Sept. 18-20, at the Holiday Inn in Estes Park, near Denver.

Our idea is to get people from both the North and South together, both in a Workshop (Thursday, Sept. 18, afternoon), and a paper-presenting Symposium (Friday Sept. 19, morning). The Workshop will be an opportunity to actually look at and handle points, sherds, microblades, etc. Realizing that transport of artifacts may not be possible in all cases, good quality photographic presentations will also be useful.

We have interest from ethnographers and linguists as well as archaeologists, and several people involved with the Pacific Athapaskans as well. If you are interested in participating in either the Symposium, Workshop, or both, please inform Martin Magne (marty.magne@pc.gc.ca) of your interest. Paper abstracts are due to the conference organizers by April 30, so we would appreciate your titles and abstracts by April 15.

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