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186.1 Correspondence

* Canadian House of Languages
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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
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* Transcriber software?
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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@yahoo grupos.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)
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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), "Anihshiniimowin (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 Hagege, Collège de France, Paris
Gilbert Lazard, Collège de France, Paris
Frank Lichtenberk, University of Auckland
Marianne Mithun, University of California, Santa Barbara
Robert Nicolao, University of Nice
Regina Pustet, University of München,
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)

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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 Athabascan 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.

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