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- * Late changes to the Albuquerque program
- -- A paper has been added to the session on "Semantics of Nominals" on Friday afternoon, January 6, 4-5 pm: Frank Seifart (Ruhr-Universität Bochum), "An unusual typological mode for handling countability in Miraña (Northwest Amazon)." This session will now run past 5 pm.
- -- The paper scheduled to be delivered by Maggie Romani on "The Structure of Ashaninka Place Names" in the session on "Names and Placenames", Friday afternoon, January 6, 4-5 pm, will be read by Stephen Marlett. Romani, who works in Peru, was unable to obtain a visa.
- -- Chairs have now been designated for all sessions except for the session on "Clitics and Agreement", Saturday, January 7, 3-4 pm, and for the session on "Evidentials and Discourse" on Sunday morning, January 8. Anyone interested in chairing either of these sessions should contact the

Secretary, Victor Golla (golla@ssila.org), as soon as possible.

232.1 Correspondence

* Names of indigenous languages

>From J. T. Faarlund (j.t.faarlund@iln.uio.no) 30 Nov 2005:

Emmon Bach in his posting in the SSILA Newsletter XXIV:2 and in SSILA Bulletin #225 brought up an important point about the spelling of words from First Nations/Native American languages. I would like to follow this up from a slightly different angle. My source of irritation is the convention among linguists of spelling the names of "exotic" languages in some kind of attempted phonetic transcription (with or without hyphens), such as Nuu-chah-nuulth (or Nuuchahnuulth) or !Kung, with funny diacritics otherwise unknown in English spelling conventions. In the words of Emmon

Bach such representations "seem to have connotations that suggest that the languages in question, or invoked, are different in kind from *our* real and serious languages."

"Real and serious" languages have their own names in other languages, spelt according to the orthographic conventions of the language of the text in which the name occurs. Thus there is a language which is called French in English, not français or frase. Similarly, the language referred to by its own speakers in their own language as Nuu-chah-nuulth, has its own name in English, Nootka, which can be both written and pronounced by speakers of English. We must assume that even peoples who have not formed nation states and who do not have "an army and navy" may sometimes be mentioned by other people than professional linguists, and therefore they need to have names for their own languages in other languages, rather than being reduced to phonetic transcriptions.

* Back issues of Language sought

>From E.F.K. Koerner (efk.koerner@rz.hu-berlin.de) 19 Nov 2005:

For reasons I never figured out, because I thought I had always kept track of my journal holdings, I found the following copies of "Language" missing when I unpacked my belongings after moving from Ottawa to Berlin:

55/1979: Nos. 1 + 2 are missing 56/1980: Nos. 3 + 4 are missing 57/1981: All but No.2 are missing 59/1983: Nos. 1 + 2 are missing 64/1988: Nos. 3 + 4 are missing 68/1992: Nos. 3 + 4 are missing

Since I have been building something like a specialist library devoted to the History of Linguistics here, I am very much interested in completing my holdings, and I naturally wonder whether there might not be some readers of the Bulletin who'd be ready to part with his/her copies (for a price, of course). I might also consider purchasing pre-1962 volumes of "Language".

--Konrad Koerner Cantianstr. 11 D-10437 BERLIN, Germany (efk.koerner@rz.hu-berlin.de)

232.2 Losses at Tulane

The Southwestern Anthropological Association is sponsoring an effort to aid faculty and graduate students in the Anthropology Department at Tulane University in New Orleans in replacing some of the books and equipment destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in September. The department's offices and laboratories were flooded because of the levy breaks and tremendous losses occurred, not least of which were books. Judith Maxwell, the Department Chair, has prepared a list of some of the more important books lost. A copy can be obtained directly from Maxwell (maxwell@tulane.edu) or from James Quesada of San Francisco State University (jquesada@sfsu.edu), who is coordinating the SWAA effort.

232.3 Academic Programs

* New Andean Studies program in Peru

>From Serafin M Coronel-Molina (Scoronel@princeton.edu) 21 Dec 2005:

A Program in Andean Studies has been inaugurated at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru. Intended for graduate students in Anthropology, Archeology, History, Linguistics and similar disciplines, the program has as its goal the training of professionals, educators and researchers of the highest academic level who are interested in the multiand interdisciplinary study of ancient and modern Andean cultures. This program provides an essential and unique foundation for the understanding of central aspects of the historical and social reality of the Andean countries and the necessary tools for the understanding of the development of identity construction and civic awareness. The program involves the participation of renowned international scholars of Andean studies and is unique in the breadth and depth of the courses offered.

The duration of the Program of Andean Studies is four semesters for a Master's degree, plus four more for a doctorate. The first four lead, through a personalized and multidisciplinary curriculum, to a Master's degree in one of the four majors of the program (Anthropology, Archeology, History and Linguistics), with a specialization in Andean Studies; the

second four semesters, entirely dedicated to interdisciplinary study, lead to the degree of Doctor of Anthropology, Archeology, History or Linguistics, again with specialization in Andean Studies.

For more information visit their website:

http://www.pucp.edu.pe/escgrad/est_and/?doct.htm

* Graduate program in Linguistics at Rice U

>From Anggarrgoon (anggarrgoon@gmail.com) 2 Dec 2005:

The Department of Linguistics at Rice University in Houston, Texas is pleased to announce that competition for fellowships and admission to our graduate program for Fall, 2006 is now open. We invite talented students with degrees in linguistics and other related fields to visit our newly reconstructed website at

http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~ling/programs.html

for information about our graduate program, including information about application procedures and deadlines. Additionally, you may contact the graduate advisor, Dr. Nancy Niedzielski, at <niedz@rice.edu> for more information.

The Department of Linguistics at Rice adopts a functional, usage-based approach to language and linguistic theory. A number of recurrent themes emerge in faculty research and the degree programs offered: in-depth investigation of languages, coupled with the search for cross-linguistic generalization; the effects of semantics, language-in-use, sociocultural factors, and other functional influences that motivate and constrain linguistic form; grounding of theories in solid empirical data of many sorts; an interest in the relation between language and mind; and interest in discourse and social/communicative interaction more generally. The faculty possess a broad range of interests, including:

- * cognitive/functional linguistics
- * typology and language universals
- * field studies in American Indian, Australian, Austronesian, African, and other languages
- * sociolinguistics
- * discourse studies
- * phonetics and speech processing
- * laboratory phonology
- * corpus linguistics
- * second language acquisition
- * neurolinguistics

* language change and grammaticization.

Students admitted to the Ph.D. program in Linguistics are generally offered financial support in the form of a full fellowship. This fellowship includes tuition waivers and a stipend for living expenses. Based on satisfactory progress toward the degree, your fellowship will be renewed annually: students entering the program with an M.A. (or equivalent) receive a total of four years of funding, while students entering with a B.A. (or equivalent) receive a total of five years of funding.

232.4 Upcoming Meetings

* 2nd Sahaptian Conference (Toppenish, Feb. 24-26)

>From Jesse Blackburn Morrow (nwili@uoregon.edu) 6 Dec 2005:

The Northwest Indian Language Institute and Heritage University are will be hosting the 2nd Annual Sahaptian Conference on February 24-26, in Toppenish, Washington. There was a good turnout last year, and it was a wonderful event of sharing and reunion. This year we invite teachers and learners of all Sahaptin and Nez Perce dialects to join us for workshops, discussions, and presentations focusing on:

- (1) language curriculum development and sharing
- (2) how to promote community and tribal government interest in language programs
- (3) other issues, possibly related to the master/apprentice approach to language learning

More details will follow as we work them out. Please register by sending your name, organization (and/or language you're working with), and complete contact information to:

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* Friends of Uto-Aztecan (Salt Lake City, June 29-July 1)

>From Mauricio J. Mixco (m.mixco@utah.edu) 20 Nov 2005:

The 2006 meeting of the Friends of Uto-Aztecan Workshop/Taller de los Amigos del Yuto-Azteca will be held at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, June 29 through Saturday July 1, 2006. Abstract title deadline: April 30, 2006. Information on housing, travel access,

etc. will be available in future announcements.

[Friends of Uto-Aztecan Workshop/Taller de los Amigos del Yuto-Azteca (Universidad de Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; jueves, 29 de junio - sabado

1 de julio, 2006). Fecha limite para someter titulos de ponencias: 30 de abril, 2006. Habra mas infomacion acerca de hospedaje, acceso para viajeros, etc. en los proximos anuncios.]

For further information contact the organizers:

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* ICHL-18 (Montreal, August 5-11)

>From Chantal Sabourin (Sabourin.chantal.4@courrier.uqam.ca) 2 Dec 2005:

It is our pleasure to announce that the XVIIIth International Conference on Historical Linguistics will be held at the University of Québec at Montréal, in Montréal, Québec, Canada from the 5th to the 11th of August 2007.

At this time, we would like to invite suggestions for workshops to be offered in addition to conference presentations. As we would like to plan these and advertise them as far in advance as possible, please send us ideas without delay.

--Fernande Dupuis

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