LSA Update #43

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The LSA Update is a periodic electronic newsletter for LSA members, featuring news and information about current activities, programs, publications, resources, and other items of interest to the membership.

Q: What percentage of LSA members live outside the United States?

a) 7%  b) 14%  c) 28%  d) 35%

A: c) 28%

The LSA's online Membership Directory allows you to search LSA members by name, affiliation, subfield, and specific interest.

Ivan Sag Fund at 98 Percent of Goal

The Ivan Sag Linguistic Institute Fund, established in September 2013, has reached just over 98 percent of its fundraising goal. The minimum $50,000 goal established for the Fund will allow for the support of an endowed student fellowship at the biennial Linguistic Institute, covering tuition, room, board and travel.

If you are not among the many LSA members and friends who have contributed to the Ivan Sag fund, please take a moment to do so now. Your contribution will allow us to commemorate, in an ongoing...
and visible way, our treasured late colleague's love for the LSA's Linguistic Institutes, of which he was so much a part.

February Member Spotlight: Andries Coetzee

February's Member Spotlight features Andries Coetzee, faculty member at the University of Michigan and co-director of the most recent Linguistic Institute. Be sure to check it out here.

CoLang 2014 Updates

The LSA is a co-sponsor of CoLang 2014, the Institute on Collaborative Language Research (formerly InField), which will occur in June and July 2014, hosted by The University of Texas at Arlington, with Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald as director. CoLang offers an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students, practicing linguists, and indigenous community members to develop and refine skills and approaches to language documentation and revitalization.

Registration for CoLang 2014 is live. The first ten people who register and pay in full will receive a free CoLang water bottle.

UTA CoLang scholarship applications are also live; the application deadline is March 17. The LSA CoLang scholarship application will be live shortly.

Several two-hour workshops have been added to the program, including ones in documentation/fieldwork methodologies, semantic-pragmatics and sociolinguistics. The public talk schedule includes plenaries by Dr. Lorna Williams - Lil'wat First Nation/University of Victoria (Canada) and Brent Henderson - University of Florida, with more speakers to be announced shortly.

Bookmark http://tinyurl.com/colang2014 to stay informed about the latest CoLang updates.

2015 Linguistic Institute Updates

The next Linguistic Institute at the University of Chicago will take place from July 6-31, 2015. Be sure to check out the call for course proposals and the list of invited courses. The LSA has co-sponsored the Linguistic Institutes since their inception in 1928, providing administrative support, funding for named professorships and fellowships, and administering a competition that has provided tuition fellowships for thousands of students over the years.

Kai von Fintel Appointed LSA Delegate to CIPL

Kai von Fintel (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) has been appointed the LSA's Delegate to the Permanent International Committee of Linguists (CIPL) for a five-year term. The Society thanks Stephen R. Anderson (Yale University), the outgoing Delegate, for his exemplary service in this capacity. Read more about LSA Delegates and Liaisons.

New LSA Strategic Plan (2014-2018) Approved

The Executive Committee has approved a new long-range Strategic Plan, to cover the years 2014-2018. The Plan was developed by a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of key LSA stakeholders and staff, and based on input from a wide variety of sources throughout the linguistics community.

Contact Information for New Language Book Review Editor

Dr. Helen Goodluck (York University) assumed the office of Book Review Editor of Language in
January 2014. More information about Language Book Reviews, including submission and contact information, is available here. The Society thanks Dr. Natsuko Tsujimura (Indiana University), the outgoing Book Review Editor, for her distinguished service in this capacity.

New Target Article Added to "Perspectives"

A new target article, "How to investigate linguistic diversity: Lessons from the Pacific Northwest" by Henry Davis, Carrie Gillon and Lisa Matthewson, has been added to "Perspectives," one of the new online-only sections of Language debuted last year. Commentaries up to 8,000 words in length in response to the target articles will be selected on the basis of whether they represent thoughtful perspectives that engage an issue raised by the article; preliminary submission of commentary abstracts up to three pages, as well as full commentaries, is encouraged.

Broadly negative responses are not encouraged—a discussion deepening our understanding of an issue should dominate the presentation. Commentaries are selected on the basis of whether they collectively represent an informative diversity of perspectives. A second round of briefer responses to the commentary articles will be published. Read more....

Call for Organized Session Proposals, 2015 Annual Meeting

The Program Committee of the LSA is accepting proposals for Organized Sessions to be held at the 2015 Annual Meeting. An organized session is an excellent opportunity to present a group of similarly-focused presentations on a wide variety of topics and in a wide variety of formats. In addition to individual LSA members, Committees and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are also encouraged to submit proposals on topics falling under their purview.

The submission deadline is May 15, 2014. For more information about submitting an organized session, click here.

-Other LSA Resources-

WILMA, the Women in Linguistics Mentoring Alliance, provides women in linguistics with mentors to help them with professional development skills and advice at all stages of their careers: from undergraduates to women in senior positions. Read more ...

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please visit our self-service job listing submission form, or e-mail Rita Lewis.

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. Submit a listing.

The LSA's Book Exchange facilitates the transfer of no-longer-wanted publications from LSA members to linguists, often in other parts of the world, who have need of them.

The Linguistic Academic Depository provides convenient access to curricular materials of all types shared by LSA members.

Be sure to visit the LSA website for the most current information on:

- Other meetings and calls for papers;
- Linguistics resources
• Jobs;
• Grants, fellowships, and awards.

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