Dear Colleagues,

As part of our program of periodic reminders and updates for LSA members, please see the announcements -- grouped by category -- below.

Important Upcoming Deadlines

August 17
The LSA's Committee on Social and Political Policies has submitted a resolution, which has been approved by the Executive Committee, on the Teachers' English Fluency Initiative promulgated earlier this year by the Arizona Department of Education. If it is approved by a majority of the members voting, the resolution will be adopted, and will be disseminated to appropriate parties, including the news media. If you have not already cast your vote on this resolution, you may do so before August 17th by logging in to the LSA website and clicking on the appropriate link under “Ballots and Surveys.” The full text of the resolution is available at http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-res-arizona.cfm.

September 1
Preregistration and Hotel Reservations open for the LSA’s 85th Annual Meeting, which will be held at the Hilton Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from January 6-9, 2011. More information is available at http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-annual.cfm

September 1 – November 6
Online voting takes place on the Slate of Candidates for 2011 and on an amendment to the LSA Constitution.

September 15
Deadline for nominations for Early Career Award. (See “LSA Inaugurates New Awards,” below)

Classic Monographs of the LSA Now Available

A number of seminal publications of the Society, authored by some of its founders, are now available through the LSA for a fraction of their cost elsewhere. To read more about these foundational works on the Classics, Germanic Linguistics, and Indo-European studies, and for a downloadable order form, see http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-monographs.cfm.

LSA Inaugurates New Awards

The LSA has recently instituted two new awards which provide recognition for its members at key stages in their careers. The Student Abstract Award acknowledges excellence in student research by providing stipends to the three most highly
rated abstracts submitted by students for presentation at the LSA’s Annual Meeting, and the Early Career Award supports the work of junior scholars in the first seven years of their professional careers.

No nominations are necessary for the Student Abstract Award, but we encourage you to consider nominating a deserving colleague for the Early Career Award (nomination deadline September 15). More information on these and other LSA awards and honors is available at http://www.lsadc.org/info/lsa-awards.cfm.

National Science Foundation Solicits White Papers on Future Research Challenges

The NSF has invited interested scholars from the social, behavioral and economic sciences to prepare white papers to guide its efforts to address the next generation of research challenges. The LSA encourages linguists to participate in this process. For more information, please visit http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10069/nsf10069.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_80.

LSA Meetings and Institutes

The 2011 Annual Meeting will take place at the Hilton Pittsburgh from January 6-9. Five hundred forty-one abstracts were submitted for the Meeting, the second largest number in LSA History. Abstract notifications will be sent, and the preliminary program posted online, in late September 2010. Meeting preregistration and hotel room reservations will be available beginning September 1. For more information on Pittsburgh as a tourist destination, please see http://www.visitpittsburgh.com/. For more information on Pittsburgh as a destination of linguistic interest, see http://english.cmu.edu/pittsburghspeech/.

The 2011 Linguistic Institute – the premier LSA-sponsored educational activity, attracting top scholars and students from all linguistic disciplines and all corners of the world -- will take place at the University of Colorado at Boulder, July 7-August 2, 2011. Planning is well underway and the full slate of courses will be available in early fall 2010. The Institute Poster is now available and may be downloaded from the website: http://verbs.colorado.edu/LSA2011/. We invite you to make a donation to the LSA’s Financial Assistance and Student Support Fund, which helps fund student fellowships for the LSA institutes. You may donate online at http://www.lsadc.org/secure/payment/paycontributions.cfm; a downloadable donation form is available at http://www.lsadc.org/info/pdf_files/donationform.pdf.

New LSA Endorsements

The LSA’s web page on Resolutions, Statements, Endorsements and Related actions contains a list of public statements by the LSA on matters of importance to the profession and the field of linguistics. The Society has recently endorsed, among other endeavors, a response to the National Academies' preliminary public draft of A Framework for Science Education, and if the Resolution on the Arizona Teachers’ English Proficiency Initiative (http://lsadc.org/info/lsa-res-arizona.cfm) is passed by the LSA membership, it will be similarly listed, and promulgated to the news media.

Delegates and Liaisons to Colleague Organizations

The LSA has recently appointed Lilith Haynes (Harvard University) as its delegate to the meeting of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) to be held in Boston later this year, and has appointed Mike Maxwell (University of Maryland) as its liaison to ISO TC 37, the technical committee of the International Standards Organization
which prepares standards and other documents concerning methodology and principles for terminology and language resources.

Please contact the LSA at lsa@lsadc.org if you are interested in becoming a liaison to a group listed on the LSA’s Delegates and Liaisons page (http://www.lsadc.org/info/lsa-delegate.cfm) or if you would like to suggest another group with which the Society might consider having such a relationship.

Other LSA Resources

The LSA Ethics Discussion Blog provides an opportunity for you to contribute to the ongoing discussion on this important topic. Check out this blog and the LSA’s other interactive resources at http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-interactive.cfm.

The LSA accepts job advertisements online, in print, and at the Annual Meeting. If you are interested in advertising a job position, please e-mail Rita Lewis at rlewis@lsadc.org.

The LSA maintains listings of conference announcements, grant opportunities, in memoriam notices, and other news items of interest. To submit a listing, e-mail lsa@lsadc.org.

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

Other meetings and calls for papers (http://www.lsadc.org/info/meet-other.cfm);

Jobs (http://www.lsadc.org/info/jobs-index.cfm)

Guide to grants, fellowships, and awards (http://www.lsadc.org/info/pubs-dirs-grants.cfm)

An “In Memoriam” section listing details of recently deceased members of the Society: (currently at http://www.lsadc.org/info/res-news.cfm).

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