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### *1. ALT conferences*

#### *1.1. First call for ALT9 in Hong Kong*

ALT9 will be held at the University of Hong Kong in 2011, from Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The first call for papers (with instructions on how to submit abstracts) is available at the following website:

[http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Call_for_Papers.html).

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is December 1st, 2010.

More information about the conference is available at the conference website:

<http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Home.html>

#### *1.2. Call for bids for ALT10*

We are launching a call for bids for the organization of ALT10 in 2013. As agreed in 2008, conferences will follow the cycle "Europe, America, Other". After ALT8 in Berkeley and ALT9 in Hong Kong, ALT10 will be held in Europe.

In response to our call for ALT9, we received bids from two European centres, viz. Leipzig and Oxford, both of which still stand. At this point, we would like to invite any other European centre interested in making a bid for the 2013 ALT conference to do so by contacting the president at [A.Siewierska@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:A.Siewierska@lancaster.ac.uk) by June 15<sup>th</sup>. To help the executive committee in considering bids, we ask you to answer the questions below, which cover basic information concerning the

venue and its infrastructure. The Executive Committee will aim to reach a decision by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1. Organizing committee

Proposed members of the local organizing committee  
Availability of administrative support

#### 2. Location

Availability of conference halls of various sizes  
Availability and accessibility of hotels, student accommodation  
Access by local public transport  
Proximity to airports, train stations etc.

#### 3. Timing

Preferred timing, and alternatives, if available  
Also depends on:  
- availability of conference halls, hotels etc  
- combination with other workshops, conferences etc in the area

#### 4. Finances

Potential funding sources (research councils, university funding, other sponsors)

## **2. ALT officers**

### *2.1. Executive committee and editorial board*

At the 2009 elections, 120 members cast their vote. The slates proposed by the nominating committee were overwhelmingly accepted.

ALT welcomes Patience Epps and Volker Gast as new members of the Executive Committee, and William Croft and Martine Vanhove as new members of the Editorial Board.

We thank the outgoing officers, Sasha Aikhenvald and Balthasar Bickel, for their service in the Executive Committee, and Alice Harris and Johanna Nichols for their service on the Editorial Board.

### *2.2. Program Committee for ALT9*

The president has appointed the following members to the Program Committee for ALT9, with the approval of the Executive Committee:

Johanna Nichols (chair)  
Umberto Ansaldo  
Hilary Chappell  
Larry Hyman  
Stephen Matthews  
Thomas Stolz

### **3. On-line access to typological publications**

#### *3.1. Trial on-line access to LT for individual ALT members*

As announced at the business meeting in Berkeley, De Gruyter Mouton will offer individual (paid-up) members free on-line access to *Linguistic Typology* for 2010, in addition to their paper copy.

Details will be announced by De Gruyter Mouton via the *Lingtyp-list*.

#### *3.2. Portal for scholars from developing countries*

De Gruyter Mouton supports the *International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications*, a portal that provides nationwide access to electronic publications for developing countries. *Linguistic Typology* is part of the package of linguistics journals that is offered through this portal. We have put a link on the ALT website, and would ask ALT members to notify any colleagues from developing countries who might be interested.

The portal can be found at:

<http://www.inasp.info/>

More information about similar initiatives can be found at:

<http://www.degruyter.de/cont/glob/csrEn.cfm>

#### **4. Publisher promotions for ALT members**

We would like to remind you that OUP and De Gruyter Mouton offer discounts to ALT members.

OUP offers a discount of 20% on all linguistic publications, and a discount of 50% on the print edition of WALS. More information can be found at the following URL:

<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/category/academic/promotions/humanities/websocalt.do?code=websocalt>

De Gruyter Mouton offers discounts on volumes in the series Empirical Approaches to Language Typology and Mouton Grammar Library. More information can be found at the following URL:

<http://www.linguistic-typology.org/ALTundSSILA-Mitgliedspreise2009.pdf>

To receive the discount, members should order on-line via De Gruyter Mouton's website, and mention their membership discount in the "message" field (underneath the billing and shipping information). The on-line ordering system will show the full price, but a note in the "message" field will allow Mouton's staff to charge the reduced ALT price.

## **5. Typological events coming up**

Institute on Field Linguistics and Language Documentation  
Eugene, Oregon, June 21 - July 30, 2010

<http://logos.uoregon.edu/infield2010/home/index.php>

3L International Summer School on Language Documentation  
Leiden, Netherlands, July 5-17, 2010

<http://www.hrelp.org/events/3L/leiden2010/index.html>

DGfS-CNRS Summer School on Linguistic Typology 2010  
Leipzig, Germany, August 15 - September 4, 2010

[http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/conference/2010\\_summerschool/index.html](http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/conference/2010_summerschool/index.html)

43rd annual Meeting of Societas Linguistica Europaea (with a  
large number of typologically oriented workshops)

Vilnius, Lithuania, September 2-5, 2010

<http://www.flf.vu.lt/sle2010/>

Syntax of the World's Languages 4  
Lyon, France, September 23-26, 2010

<http://www.ddl.ish->

[lyon.cnrs.fr/colloques/SWL\\_IV/index.asp?Action=Edit&Langue=EN&Page](http://www.ddl.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/colloques/SWL_IV/index.asp?Action=Edit&Langue=EN&Page)

6th International Contrastive Linguistics Conference (with a  
session on Clausal Arguments in a Comparative Perspective)

Berlin, Germany, September 30 - October 2, 2010

<http://www.ctw-congress.com/2010/ICLC6/>

The Grammar of Proper Names - A Typological Perspective  
Regensburg, Germany, October 7-8, 2010

Phonetic Universals

Leipzig, Germany, October 29-30, 2010

<http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/conference/10-PhoneticUniversals/index.html>

Creoles and Pidgins in Typological Perspective

Leipzig, Germany, November 11-14, 2010

[http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/apics/index.php/Creoles\\_and\\_pidgins\\_in\\_typologica\\_l\\_perspective\\_%28Second\\_APiCS\\_conference%29](http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/apics/index.php/Creoles_and_pidgins_in_typologica_l_perspective_%28Second_APiCS_conference%29)

Competing Motivations

Leipzig, Germany, November 23-25, 2010

<http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/conference/10-CompetingMotivations/index.html>