

1. Message from the president (Jeff Good)

We are now less than one year out from the next ALT meeting in Pavia. Many of you will have already seen the calls for contributions to workshops being proposed for the meeting, which shows that members are already thinking about the sorts of topics that they hope will be explored there. The general call for abstracts will also be coming soon, and I am looking forward to seeing the final program when it is ready. New methods in the study of cross-linguistic diversity are rapidly emerging, and global efforts to document the world's languages are making more and more grammatical data available, especially on lesser studied languages. This is an exciting time for typology, and the ALT meeting remains the field's premier gathering of scholars interested in the study of linguistic typology.

As we get closer to the next meeting, the ALT officers are working on two related initiatives that we hope to make substantial progress in the coming months. These are an overhaul of the ALT website and putting a membership management system in place that is run by ALT rather than De Gruyter Mouton, the publisher of *Linguistic Typology*. If any members would like to contribute to these efforts, please feel free to reach out to me.

I'd also like to take this opportunity let the membership know about an exciting new development for the journal *Linguistic Typology*. The Executive Committee recently approved the creation of a new position for the journal for a Review Editor, and I am delighted to announce that Tatiana (Tanya) Nikitina of CNRS has agreed to take on the position. The availability of basic information about new books on the web means that there is a less of a need for traditional "summary-style" book notices than there used to be. However, that does not diminish the importance of ensuring that fair and accessible reviews are published on the latest work of relevance to typology. A dedicated Review Editor for the journal will help make certain that works representing the entire field of typology, as well as its international orientation, are given the attention that they deserve in the pages of the journal.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all members of ALT who have recently completed typological dissertations or dissertations constituting descriptive grammars to consider submitting their work for the Greenberg and Panini Awards. I'd also like to encourage more senior members of ALT to likewise encourage their junior colleagues who are eligible to submit their work for consideration. Making these awards is one of ALT's most important function, and they provide an opportunity for the Association to showcase the strongest work on typology and language description being produced by junior scholars today.

2. ALT13 Announcements

2.1. Conference Venue

The 13th biennial Association for Linguistic Typology meeting will be held 4-6 September, 2019 at the University of Pavia, Italy. The organizers include Silvia Luraghi, Sonia Cristofaro, Elisa Roma, and Ciara Zanchi.

The URL for ALT 13 is: <https://sites.google.com/universitadipavia.it/alt2019/home>

ALT 13 will feature teach-ins that will be scheduled on Tuesday, 3 September 2019 (preceding the meeting).

1. *Using Universal Dependencies for Linguistic Typology* - Natalia Levshina and Marco Passarotti
2. *The Italo-Romance languages* - Roberta d'Alessandro and Emanuele Miola
3. *The typology of planned languages* - Federico Gobbo
4. *Typological challenges from Afro-Asiatic* - Mauro Tosco and Vermondo Brugnatelli

Participation in all teach-ins is free, but for teach-in #1, places will be limited to 25 participants for technical reasons. Registration will open in June 2019.

Additionally, a first circular has been sent containing the call for Theme session proposals with a Nov. 15th deadline; it can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/universitadipavia.it/alt2019/home/theme-sessions>

The general call for abstracts will be at the end of November, 2018.

More information on the meeting is available at the conference webpage, which is constantly updated:

<https://sites.google.com/universitadipavia.it/alt2019/home>

2.2. Awards

Both the Greenberg and Panini award solicitation announcements have been sent to various mailing lists. The deadline for submission to either award is 15 December, 2018. However, based on individual circumstances, the deadline can be extended, but only after consultation with the award committee chair. The chair for the Greenberg award is Peter Arkadiev (alpgurev@gmail.com). The chair for the Panini award is Hilary Chappell (paniniaward2019@gmail.com).

The award committee for Greenberg consists of:

Marina Chumakina
Sonia Cristofaro
Mark Donohue
Larry Hyman
Matti Miestamo
Tatiana Nikitina
Frans Plank
Sergey Say
Eva van Lier

The award committee for Panini consists of:

Niclas Burenhult
Wilson De Lima Silva
Diana Forker
Alice Gaby
Tom Güldemann
Hirofumi Hori
Gwen Hyslop
Nerida Jarkey
František Kratochvíl
Florian Lionnet
Danqing Liu
Enrique Palancar
Andrey Shluinsky
Martine Vanhove
Yogendra P. Yadava

We are grateful to the chairs and committee members for their service to ALT!

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Antoinette Schapper and Lourens de Vries – Comparatives in Melanesia: Concentric circles of convergence – OPEN ACCESS

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Josefina Safar – Beyond the impact factor: Personal accounts from linguistic fieldworkers.
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