The Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea 49th Annual Conference

June 15-17, 2015
University of Papua New Guinea
Port Moresby

Conference Theme:
"Promoting Language Education for Sustainable Development"

Hosted by UPNG

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The THIRD & FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 49th Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea will be held at **Laguna Hotel** on Waigani Drive from **June 15-17, 2015**.

Language enables all cultural and socio-economic development; paradoxically, this may hinder development by creating communication issues in modern multilingual/multicultural societies. With the conference theme echoing the overarching national concern to promote sustainable socio-economic development in Papua New Guinea, LSPNG 2015 aims to stimulate a useful exchange of ideas between educators, academics, communication specialists, business and government representatives on language education, vernacular literacy and culture-related issues. While abstracts of papers on any subject dealing with topics in Melanesian languages and linguistics are invited, preference will be given to those pertaining to language and its role in society.

Plenary Speakers:

- **Prof. William Foley** (University of Sydney, Australia): **"Sounds & words of the Village in PNG"**
- **Prof. John Clifton** (SIL International and University of North Dakota, USA)
- **Prof. Nick Faraclas** (University of Puerto Rico)
- **Mr. William Jonduo** (National Literacy & Awareness Secretariat)
- **Hon. Minister for Education H.E. Nick Kuman*** (DoE, PNG)
- **Mr. Malakai Tabar,* Honorable Minister for Higher Education** (OHE)

* Pending confirmation

Abstract Submission

We invite abstracts (maximum 300 words) for 20-minute presentations, so that the LSPNG 2015 Conference Program can be properly planned and arranged into cohesive sessions. Please include the TITLE of your paper, author(s') name(s), affiliation and contact email address of the correspondent author.
Abstracts must be submitted electronically in Word format to langlxmelanesia@gmail.com

Abstract content

A few suggestions:

1. Your choice of title will help us group your paper with others, to form thematically cohesive sessions; please make sure the title clearly reflects the essence of your presentation.
2. State the main point or argument of your presentation.
3. Summarize the significance of your research.

Deadline for abstract submission:

Friday, May 8, 2015. This will enable us to produce the **Book of Abstracts** in good time before the conference
Abstract notifications will be sent out before Friday, May 15, 2015.

Conference Proceedings will be published in *Language & Linguistics in Melanesia*, the free-access online journal of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea, Vol. 33/2, 2015. LLM uses the Unified Stylesheet for Linguistic Journals, available for download @ www.langlxmelanesia.com under the 'Instructions to Authors' tab.

Registration fee:

LSPNG members:	**K 150**
Other participants:	**K 150**
Students:	**K 50**

Registration fees can be deposited in the "University of Papua New Guinea Special Purpose Account (SPA) No. 1000583573 Bank South Pacific." Please email a scanned copy of your deposit slip to:

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Program

The Conference program will be posted on the LLM website by mid-May, 2015.
Visit www.langlxmelanesia.com for more details on our **Kivung Billboard**.

Conference Logistics

Most LSPNG 2015 participants from outside of Port Moresby are expected to stay at the LAGUNA Hotel at subsidized prices. Please reserve your Laguna Deluxe King room + free breakfast at 480 Kina per night (with twin-share option) by registering your intent with the LSPNG 2015 COC via langlxmelanesia@gmail.com or telephone + **675-76037786**. **We ask that you do so ASAP, as we must give advance notice to LAGUNA HOTEL management.**

LSPNG 2015 Organizing Committee

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