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Newsletter of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea

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1982 Congress

The 16th Annual Congress of the Linguistic Society was held from September 8-11, 1982. This Conference doubled as the First International Conference in Papuan Linguistics. It was hosted by the Goroka Teachers' College, who provided facilities and room and board for many of the participants of both this Conference and the T.E.S.L. Workshop, which overlapped.

Over forty people participated in the conference. Visitors from Australia, Irian Jaya, Solomon Islands and Germany added an international flavour. Papers were given on languages from Irian Jaya, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The content of the papers was excellent with papers on phonology, morphology, discourse, semantics, and language typology. A highlight was a paper on "The Existential Verbs in Kuman", by Julie Piau, a native speaker of Kuman. Professor Wurm presented the opening paper: "Papuan Linguistics Past and Future".

Friday evening participants in both the Linguistics Conference and T.E.S.L. Workshop joined for the Annual Dinner of the Linguistics Society. The Goroka Teachers' College served an excellent meal.

T.E.S.L. Workshop

The T.E.S.L. Workshop took place on September 10 and 11, running from Friday morning to midday Saturday. There were about 80 participants from varied backgrounds: nationals and expatriates, academics from tertiary institutions and 'real' teachers from various High Schools around the country. Though, as the Workshop was held in Goroka, highlands area high schools were better represented than those of other areas.

The topics dealt with in the sessions were also varied, ranging from the use of drama in English Language Teaching to how to assess readability. In the discussions at the ends of sessions and between sessions it became clear that English teachers all over the country face similar problems and that it helps to get together and talk about them. So there was enthusiastic support for the formation of a society for Teachers of English in Papua New Guineans. At the inaugural meeting it was decided that this society should be part of the Linguistic Society of PNG, at least for 1983.

A committee of seven was elected to liaise with the pure linguists in the Society and to look into the specific aims of the T.E.S.L. section. The committee members are: Karo Rupa, Br. Alfred Tivinarlik, Thomas Tumun, Norann Carlin (secretary), Janet Holst, John Swan, Graeme Cane.

1983 Congress

The 17th Annual Congress of the Linguistic Society will be held in Port Moresby next year some time during the UPNG semester break in June or early July. A date will be set to allow T.E.S.L. people to attend their workshop during the same time. Specific details will be announced in next Hebou.

Linguistic Society Annual Prize

Please note the following announcement. Inform institutes and individuals who may be interested in writing a paper for the prize. (This announcement has also been sent to several newspapers in the country.)

"The Linguistic Society of PNG is offering an annual prize of K50

for the best written contribution to language studies within PNG. The paper must be an original paper, at least 2,000 words long and written by a PNG citizen. The paper may be written in English, Pidgin or Motu. The closing date for 1983 entries is March 26, 1983.

Send entries to:

Secretary of the Linguistic Society of PNG
Box 418
Ukarumpa via Lae."

News and Views

* I would like to include items from readers of Hebou. Items could include at least the following.

1. News of a language research project you or someone else is engaged in, especially if the project is of general interest. By communicating such projects it is hoped that other readers would contribute ideas to the researcher if he/she has a similar interest.
2. Specific problems related to a research project you are engaged in and would like feedback on.
3. Ideas for applied papers related to teaching English as a second language. I had several people from the T.E.S.L. Workshop in Goroka say something like this to me: "We have all the questions, surely someone studying linguistics could help give some answers." I believe a worthy goal of the 1983 Conference is to have some participants in the linguistic conference present papers in the T.E.S.L. workshop, with an application of linguistics to specific problems of teaching English to Papua New Guinea students.

* Postgraduate Studies in Linguistics. At the moment, Anne-Marie Smith is conducting research for her MA in Linguistics at the University of Papua New Guinea, with her area of interest being the structural and lexical features that characterise the incipient dialect of Papua New Guinea English. Otto Nekitel is continuing with his PhD studies at ANU, and is due to finish at the end of next year or the beginning of 1984. Sak Kamene is just finishing off his MA thesis with the University of Dar es Salaam, though he is teaching sociolinguistics part-time at UPNG. Julie Piau has applied for an MA program in Linguistics at ANU,

and we are hoping to see her get started there in 1983, and return at the end of 1984.

* Reorganisation of Linguistics courses at UPNG. Previously, the Language Department offered a major in "Language", which had to serve a wide range of interests. We have now split this into the distinct, but still overlapping, "Linguistics" and "English" majors, to cater for these different interests. Our new Linguistics program is set out below:

	Semester I	Semester II
First Year	Communication and Language	Communication and Language
Second Year	Introduction to Socio- linguistics	Intorduction to Linguistics
Third Year	Linguistic Analysis I (phonology/morphology) Papua New Guinea Socio- linguistics	Linguistic Analysis II (syntax/semantics)
Fourth Year	Comparative Linguistics I (general methodology)	Comparative Linguistics II (PNG and Pacific comparative studies)

The courses offered in English are:

	Semester I	Semester II
First Year	Communication and Language	Communication and Language
Second Year	Practical English Writing I	Structure of Modern English I
Third Yera	Structure of Modern English II	Structure of Modern English III Practical English Writing II Applied Linguistics

Students planning to major in English will necessarily have to do a "combined major", with courses in either Linguistics or in Literature. If anybody wants further details on courses in English or Linguistics at UPNG, they should contact John Lynch, Sakarepe Kamene, Terry Crowley or Graeme Cane of the Language Department at UPNG.

* Linguistics Publications at UPNG. We are revising some of our *Studying Pacific Languages* series of textbooks for Papua New Guinean students of Linguistics, as current stocks of some of our titles are running out. Terry Crowley's *Introduction to Historical Linguistics* will appear with some substantial revisions by the beginning of 1983. John Lynch will probably also be revising his *Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology*

soon. Other titles in the series are *Introduction to Morphological Analysis* and *Readings in the Comparative Linguistics of Melanesia*, both by John Lynch. These books can all be ordered from:

University Bookshop
PO Box 320
University NCD

Overseas News

* ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESEARCH JOURNAL (ELRJ)

(Edited by Chris Kennedy)

The journal is concerned with English Language teaching, learning and research with an emphasis on English for Specific Purposes. The term ESP is to be interpreted broadly so that a large number of practical and theoretical areas can be covered which will be of interest to those involved in ESP.

Topics include analysis of spoken and written discourse, computer text analysis, language varieties, study skills and syllabus/materials design.

The journal appears annually at the end of the calendar year. A list of contents in the 1981 issue is attached. The 1982 issue is in preparation and will include articles by V.K. Bhatia (Legal Language), J. Holmes (Tag Questions), M. Phillips (Study Skills), E. Smythe (Oral Skills in ESP), J. Port-Fox (Bilingual Reading Texts), and J. Swales (Examination Papers).

Contributions in the form of articles, reviews and research reports are invited. Further details may be obtained from:

Mrs. Anne Preston
Secretary (ELRJ)
English Language Research
University of Birmingham
PO Box 363
Birmingham B15 2TT

Copies of the 1981 issue of the ELRJ are available. Articles include *Specificity in Language Course Design*, S. Andrews; *Needs Analysis and Syllabus Specification*, Dave Willis; *Towards Team Teaching*, Tony Dudley-

Evans; The Role of Definitions in Scientific and Technical Writing: Forms, Functions and Properties, Steven Darian; Spoken Discourse in the EFL Classroom, Jane Willis; a review of Stubbs, M. Language and Literacy: The Sociolinguistics of Reading and Writing, J. Holmes; and a review of Labov, W. and Fanshel, D. Therapeutic Discourse, R. Mead.

To order your copy, send £2.50 (including postage) to the above address. Make cheques payable to the University of Birmingham.

* The 1983 ALS Conference will be held at Glenn College, La Trobe University, from 31 August to 2 September. Any enquiries should be addressed to:

Dr. Peter Austin
Department of Linguistics
La Trobe University
Bundoora, Victoria 3083

* The 1984 ALS Conference will be held at Alice Springs, from 12 noon on Wednesday, 30 August to 12 noon Saturday, 2 September.

16th Annual General Meeting Minutes

Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea
10 September 1982

Meeting opened 4:30 p.m.

1. Attendance:

Malcolm Ross (Chairman)	Heather Patrick	Terry Crowley
Eileen Gasaway	John Duvau	Graeme Cane
Patricia Pape	Bill Robinson	Bill Schreck
Kerry Barr	Stephen Wurm	Norm Mundhenk
Bob Conrad	Güther Renck	Jean Povey
Les Bruce	Andrew Taylor	John Lynch
Don Laycock	W. McCoupen	Dennis Best
Adele Huntington	Kate Kelly	Abraham Kiapi
Ger Reesink	Marshall Lawrence	Bob Litteral

M. Wamma	Rick Buchan	Graham Scott
Susanne Holzknicht	Ruth Clarkson	Wietze Baron
Walter Seiler	Matthew Calaby	Dorothy James
Denise Potts	Lillian Fleischmann	Anne-Marie Smith
Lalitha Patalu	Janet Holst	Marg McCarthy
Jill Pennison	Anne Bagshow	John Swan
A. Kesavan	J. Jarmar	J. Fuba
Paul Varma	Ephrem Moguna	Sakarepe Kamene
Manawe Sailas	Patricia Kelly	John Arabongali
Juliana Kuri-Bonggere	Penny Smith	Jean Goddard

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were circulated at the meeting. S. Wurm moved to accept, Lynch seconded: Motion was passed.

3. President's Report

There have been no Executive Committee meetings this year. It was decided by the last annual general meeting that business and communication could be conducted by telephone. At the last annual general meeting, it was decided that the next congress would be the first International Congress of Papuan Linguistics in place of the normal Linguistic Society Congress. A small committee was established to look into TESL activities; 1) to hold a workshop at the same time and 2) to publish a magazine. Both proposals have been realized, with many thanks to the members of the Language Studies Department of Goroka Teachers' College for organization of both congresses. During the year we saw the appearance of the first issue of a TESL magazine, called TESLA. This was sent to all high schools nationwide. Thanks again go to the Language Studies Department, in particular Janet Holst. Two conferences and two journals represent the work of the Society for this year. As for the next Papuan Congress, participants will appoint a working committee for planning the next one.

4. Treasurer's Report

The report was circulated with the minutes. The treasurer emphasized that we have a negative balance especially after paying for Volume 13. The bottleneck seems to be in getting enough papers for the editor

to work on, so those who are submitting papers should do so as soon as possible. Andrew Taylor will send out Volume 12 from Lae for a savings in postage. S. Wurm suggested that the Society raise its subscription fees as it is now only about 1/3 the world price for a comparable journal. Move that the matter of subscription fees be referred to the Executive Committee for action. Wurm, A. Taylor sec. Passed.

5. Editor's Report

Circulated with the minutes. The meeting expressed appreciation to the SIL Printshop for the generous gesture of 100 extra copies as a "birthday present". J. Lynch feels however that the editor did not follow all the guidelines such as author proofreading and permission to publish in one case and moved the following motion: Move that while we commend the work of the Editor for steps taken to Volume 13 of the Journal ready in time for Conference, we would like to ask the Editor and the Editorial Board to adhere to the procedures laid down by the last conference meeting. D. Laycock second. Passed.

Kivung Special Publication No. 2 is being readied. The Editor hopes it will be ready to go to the printers by the end of December and so would be available by early 1983. There is a lower pre-publication price to try to get orders so that there will be an indication of the interest.

S. Wurm moved to accept the report, R. Buchan seconded. Passed.

TESLA No. 1 has been published. No. 2 will be edited by the UPNG Language Department. Janet Holst expressed thanks to the Society for money given for the publication of No. 1. There are still some volumes for sale.

6. Future of TESL Organisation

This was an opportunity to air views. John Swan stated that those involved have been delighted with the response to the conference. At this stage he would prefer to shelter under the umbrella of the Linguistic Society of PNG. Some of the participants still have an interest in more theoretical linguistics. The group needs time to sort itself out, being a young group as yet. He proposed a motion but

after discussion a substitute motion was put forward: Move that the Linguistic Society of PNG would be happy if the TESL members decide to remain within the Linguistic Society for at least 1983. Norm Mundhenk, Les Bruce second. Passed.

The Executive Committee was asked to consider making two categories of membership, full membership and associate membership.

A contingency motion was then proposed if the TESL group decided to form its own society: Move this meeting recommend that there be reciprocal membership on the Executive Committees.
Passed.

7. Election of Office Bearers

President: Terry Crowley Nom. A. Taylor, Sec. L. Bruce
Secretary: Marshall Lawrence Nom. L. Bruce, Sec. J. Lynch
Treasurer: Heather Patrick Nom. J. Lynch, Sec. S. Wurm
Editor: Ray Johnston Nom. J. Lynch, Sec. L. Bruce
Committee: John Lynch Nom. H. Patrick, Sec. D. Laycock
Sakarepe Kamena Nom. A.M. Smith, Sec. B. Litteral
Andrew Taylor Nom. B. Robinson, Sec. J. Lynch

J. Lynch moved the nominations be closed, S. Wurm seconded.

As there was only one nominee for each office, the nominees were declared elected.

8. Prize Committee and Name for the Prize

This matter was raised to implement the motion passed at the last annual general meeting. Suggestion for a name for the prize were:

Linguistic Society of PNG Prize
Sidney Ray
Otto Dempwolfe
Mikloucho-Maclay

Moved that the Executive Committee be asked to consider to find a name of a Papua New Guinean who was significantly involved in early linguistic work of this country as a name for the prize. S. Wurm, A. Taylor second. Passed.

Move that three judges and a secretary be made a committee for the administering of the prize. M. Ross, J. Lynch second. Amendment by

S. Wurm.

Secretary of the Executive Committee should be the secretary of the committee of judges. Carried.

Norm Mundhenk Nom. A. Taylor, Sec. Marit Kana

Don Laycock Nom. J. Lynch, Sec. S. Kamene

Otto Nekitel Nom. L. Bruce, Sec. D. Laycock

President declared the nominations closed and the committee elected.

9. Other Business

a) Next's year's congress will be in Port Moresby, as it is UPNG's turn in the rotation. They should liaise with TESL people for the best time.

b) S. Wurm brought up the matter of international representation for the Society. The Permanent International Committee of Linguists (CIPL) is an organization that has as its tasks:

1) Organisation of the International Congress of Linguists (Held in Tokyo this year).

2) Publishing the International Bibliography of Linguistics

Any country represented in the committee receives international welcome and recognition.

CIPL also has direct access to UNESCO for funds exclusively earmarked for third world citizens.

Move that the Executive Committee apply for membership of CIPL and appoint a representative, subject to funds being available for membership. N. Mundhenk second. Passed.

Also ask the Executive Committee to pursue the possibility of a Papua New Guinean to represent the Society at the next Congress (1987) especially in matter of airfares.

Move that the Society express thanks to Malcolm Ross for all his work as the President of the Society in the last two years.

6:30 Meeting adjourned.