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1989 Annual Conference

The 1989 annual conference of the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea was held 28-30 June at the University of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby. The overall theme was 'Are Our Languages Dying?' The keynote address, by Tom Dutton and Peter Mühlhäusler, was delivered by Tom Dutton. Other papers related to the topic were presented by Nekitel, N Ipai, K Maini, N Faraclas and C Barron. Student papers and papers on other linguistic topics rounded out the presentations. A complete listing of the papers presented is available from the secretary.

At the annual general meeting which followed the conference, the following officers were elected.

President - Nicholas Faraclas
President-Elect - Dicks Thomas
Secretary - Carl Whitehead
Treasurer - Colin Barron
Members - Sue Holzknacht, Joseph Nidue, David Snyder
Editor - Karl Franklin (articles)
Tom Dutton (reviews)

1990 Annual Conference

The 1990 annual conference for the Linguistic Society of Papua New Guinea will be held at the University of Technology in Lae at the end of June. Colin Barron and Sue Holzknacht will be organizing the conference. All members of the society should receive information regarding the conference by March 1990. If you need information before this time, or if you do not receive information, write to Colin Barron, Dept of Language and Communication Studies, Private Mail Bag, Lae, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Conference on Pidgins and Creoles

The Second International Conference on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia was held jointly with the Annual Meeting of the LSPNG 28-30 June at UPNG. The keynote address, 'The Atlantic and Pacific Pidgins and Creoles: A Tale of (at least) Two Substrates,' was given by John Holm of City University of New York. Other papers were given on Tok Pisin by N Ahai, A Badib, L Järvinen and J Clifton, B Copeland, C Kepjou; on PNG English by R Pemberton and S Yarupawa; on other PNG pidgins by D Thomas, B Conrad and A Minch, and JP Williams; and on other Melanesian pidgins by J Siegel. A complete listing of the papers presented can be obtained from the LSPNG secretary.

Society on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia

The following motion was passed at the 1989 annual general meeting of the LSPNG.

MOVED: that this AGM go on record as supporting the formation of a Society on Pidgins and Creoles in Melanesia, and empower the executive committee to pursue this possibility.

If you wish to become a charter member of this Society, please notify Nicholas Faraclas, Language and Literature Dept, University of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 320, University Post Office, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Language and Linguistics in Melanesia

Volume 20 of LLM (for 1989) is now being printed, and should be posted by mid-November. Those members living outside Papua New Guinea should receive their copy about six months after they are posted.

The editor has already received enough papers to complete volume 21 of LLM to be published in 1990. According to the current schedule, it should be ready by July 1990. Papers for volume 22 are being accepted and can be sent to the editor, Karl Franklin, at the address at the top of this Hebou.

Available for Review

The following books were available for review as of 20 June.

- Auer & di Luzio. 1988. Variation and Convergence. de Gruyer.
Boretzky et al. Akten des 1./2. Essener Kolloquiums uber "Kreolsprachen u. Sprachkontakte". (2 vols)
D'Costa & Lalla (eds). 1989. Voices in Exile: Jamaican Texts of the 18th and 19th Centuries. U of Alabama Press.
Elbert. 1988. Echo of Culture: A Grammar of Rennell and Bellona. U of Hawaii Press.
Putz & Dirven (eds). 1989. Wheels within Wheels. Duisburg. (The nature/nurture debate - Bickerton vs Mühlhäusler)
Mühlhäusler. 1987. Pidgin and Creole Linguistics.
Papers in Pidgin and Creole Linguistics No. 4. 1985. PL A-65.
Feldman. 1986. A Grammar of Awtuw. PL B-94.
Baxter. 1989. A Grammar of Kristang (Malacca Creole Portuguese). PL B-95.
Fagan. 1986. A Grammatical Analysis of Mono-Alu (Sol. Is.). PL B-98.
Thurston. 1987. Processes of Change in the Languages of NW New Britain. PL B-99.
Pawley and Carrington (eds). 1985. Austronesian Linguistics of the 15th Pacific Science Congress. PL C-88.
Geraghty et al (eds). 2 FOCAL volumes. PL C-93 & 94.
Laycock and Winter (eds). 1987. A World of Language: Papers Presented to S.A. Wurm on his 65th Birthday. PL C-100.
Shnukal. 1989. Broken: An Introduction to the Creole Language of Torres Strait. PL C-107.
Tryon. 1987. Bislama: An Introduction to the National Language of Vanuatu. PL D-72.
Beaumont (ed). 1988. Lavongai Materials by Josef Stamm MSC et al. PL D-82.

To review any of these volumes, or to suggest other volumes which would be of interest to society members, write Tom Dutton, Dept of Linguistics, Research School of Pacific Studies, The Australian National University, Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, AUSTRALIA.