

Preliminary Announcement
Linguistics Society of Papua New Guinea's Annual Conference
Tuesday 12-14 September, 2017

The Linguistics Society of PNG is pleased to announce its annual conference to be held at the University of Goroka (UoG), Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province, from Tuesday 12th to Thursday 14th of September 2017.

The conference aims to bring together researchers working in two broad areas:

- 1. Language documentation, and**
- 2. Language development.**

Language Documentation

Intending participants are invited to present papers on innovative work in the area of Austronesian and Papuan (as well as general) linguistics, and literacy/literature. Papers on current initiatives in collecting Oral Literature and documenting unwritten Languages (as part of the ongoing efforts to preserve the cultural and linguistic heritage of PNG) are also welcome.

Language Development

Papers are also invited in the area of Language development which encompasses a broad range of topics, including (but not limited to) language education, ELT, language policy, pidgins and creoles, language policy, literature, language/literacy education, and applied linguistics, with new fields emerging on the borders between disciplines and sub-fields.

Abstracts

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is Tuesday, 31st January 2017

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by Tuesday, 31st March 2017

Program

The conference program will be available at the Language and Linguistics in Melanesia (LLM) website www.langlxmelanesia.com after the acceptance of abstracts.

Important dates:

Deadline for abstract submission: 31st January 2017

Notification of acceptance: 31st March 2017

Registration: 11th September 2017

Conference: 12-14th September 2017

Conference fees:

Registration (11th September 2017) PKG150 /Students' Registration fee - PGK50.

Registration includes conference pack (including a book of paper outlines), and morning/afternoon teas.

Conference dinner 14th September 2017 PKG50

Further details and conference registration forms will be available in early January 2017 at www.langlxmelanesia.com

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