

**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 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

**Program**

The conference program will be available at the Language and Linguistics in Melanesia (LLM) website [www.langlxmlanesia.com](http://www.langlxmlanesia.com) after the acceptance of abstracts.

**Important dates:**

Deadline for abstract submission: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017

Notification of acceptance: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Registration: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Conference: 12-14th September 2017

**Conference fees:**

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

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

Conference dinner 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 PKG50

Further details and conference registration forms will be available in early January 2017 at [www.langlxmlanesia.com](http://www.langlxmlanesia.com)

All other enquiries should be directed to:

Dr. Jane Awi - [awij@uog.ac.pg](mailto:awij@uog.ac.pg)

Miss Anne-Marie Wanamp - [wanampa@uog.ac.pg](mailto:wanampa@uog.ac.pg)

Mr. Philip Tama - [tamap@uog.ac.pg](mailto:tamap@uog.ac.pg)