

37th Poznań Linguistic Meeting

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PLM2006 Call for Papers

We are happy to announce that the 37th Poznań Linguistic Meeting will take place on 20-23 April 2006 (Thursday–Sunday) in Poznań, Poland.

The Meeting will be organised by the School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, in association with the Poznań College of Modern Languages. The leitmotif of this edition is going to be “**Reaching Far: Distant Countries, Distant Disciplines**”.

So far, the following sessions have been proposed:

- Southern Hemisphere Englishes [see below for details];
- Language and Medicine [more information available from the www site of the Center for Speech and Language Processing Poznań at <http://elex.amu.edu.pl/ifa/cslp/>];
- In search of the logic of communication;
- History of English dialects;
- Linguistic typology [see below for details];
- Text technology [see below for details].

Papers for these sessions are warmly invited; however, we also strongly encourage all colleagues interested in organising their own sessions/workshops to contact us with ideas and proposals.

Each paper will be given **30 minutes**, including 5-10 minutes for discussion. Poster presentations are also an option.

The language of the conference is **English**.

The submitted papers will be reviewed by an **International Advisory Board**.

Submission deadline: 15 January 2006

Notification of acceptance: 15 February 2006

All relevant information regarding the abstract submission procedure, Advisory Board, venue, fees, travel, accommodation etc. is available from our www site at <http://elex.amu.edu.pl/ifa/plm/>

Looking forward to seeing you in Poznań!

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Distant Countries: Southern Hemisphere Englishes

The motivation for this session has had at least three sources.

Firstly, as a general linguistics conference organised by a School of English functioning in an L2 setting, PLM has recently discussed varieties of English from an ESL perspective on a number of occasions. The “Focus on Accents” session at PLM2003, and the joint PLM2004/PASE panel “The model of English pronunciation for foreign learners: Three dictionaries, one model?” examined the issue of selecting a model of English pronunciation to be used in EFL/ESL teaching. Leading experts in the field, including Peter Roach, Peter Trudgill, John Wells and Clive Upton, participated in the events. The two sessions focussed almost entirely on RP, General American, and Jenkins’ (2000) Lingua Franca Core as possible options; “antipodean” Englishes have been largely disregarded. However, it is evident that in recent decades Australian English has grown as a regional standard in Oceania and South Asia.

Secondly, southern hemisphere Englishes, and New Zealand English in particular, have spawned considerable research interest in recent years, especially in the field of historical dialectology and sociolinguistics (e.g. Blair and Collins 2001; Gordon et al. 2004; Trudgill 2004). The findings from this research are significant for both English dialectologists and sociolinguists in general.

Finally, there has been increasing focus on the complex relations between English and the local indigenous languages. This area has seen much discussion especially in the new political reality of South Africa, where Black South African English seems to have been rapidly gaining in importance.

For all these reasons, the PLM2006 Organising Committee have decided to devote a special session to Southern Hemisphere Englishes during the forthcoming Poznań Linguistic Meeting.

We invite papers on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

- The current state of Australian, New Zealand and South African English, including sociolinguistic variability, and the role of Australian English as a growing regional standard;
- The history of Australian, New Zealand and South African English, including relations with other varieties of English;
- All aspects of Black South African English.
- The interactions of indigenous languages with English in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Each paper will be given 30 minutes, including 5-10 minutes for discussion.

Abstracts should be prepared in accordance with the guidelines available from the Meeting’s [www](#) page, and submitted by e-mail to Jarosław Weckwerth at wjarek@ifa.amu.edu.pl.

Linguistic Typology

We are pleased to announce that the programme of the PLM 2006 will include a session on linguistic typology. Contributions taking an empirical approach and matching one or more of the following descriptions are cordially invited:

- Broad typological investigations showing the principled ways of cross-linguistic variation;
- Small-scale comparisons of “distant”, i.e. genetically and geographically unrelated languages;
- Detailed descriptions of particular phenomena in individual languages from a typological point of view.

Conference presentations follow the usual format of twenty minutes for the presentation itself and ten minutes for ensuing discussion. The language of the conference is English.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted by e-mail to

slodowicz@linguistik.uni-kiel.de.

Deadline for submission: 15 January, 2006. Notification of acceptance: 2 February, 2006.

Session organisers:

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Text technology and targeting linguistic resources with modern methods

The Text Technology workshop will target the creation, maintenance, access and automatic analysis of all kinds of linguistic resources with the means of modern methods related to information modelling and markup languages. By language resources we understand all sorts of material used and created by linguists such as corpora (both spoken and written language), treebanks, lexicons/dictionaries and grammars, but also software architectures and tools for processing these resources. As the creation of this material is time consuming, error prone and hence expensive, the need exists to bundle activities by exchanging data, using it over a long period of time, and to gain as much help by software systems in the process of creation and maintenance of these resource as possible.

Additionally, due to the long life span of language resources, a special requirement is that they are also accessible over time (and new computer platforms) so that generic application programming interfaces are needed to make them available to a widespread community of researchers. Therefore, the workshop is dedicated to the non-exclusive study of the following areas:

- information modelling of linguistic resources;
- use of XML and other text technological means for language resources;
- new developments in markup languages;
- querying linguistic information from marked up resources;
- archiving of language resources;
- documenting language resources;
- generic statistical analyses of language resources.

These topics are focussing on a linguistic and computational linguistic audience of people applying the technology in every day research. Hence, contributions should be relevant for at least one of these target groups.

Submissions and questions should be directed to Alexander Mehler and Thorsten Trippel (University of Bielefeld) at alexander.mehler@uni-bielefeld.de and thorsten.trippel@uni-bielefeld.de.