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### **1. ALT conferences**

#### *1.1. Final call for ALT9 in Hong Kong*

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for ALT9 in Hong Kong (July 21st to 24th 2011) is **December 1st, 2010**.

The call for papers (with instructions for submission) can be found at:

[http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Call\\_for\\_Papers.html](http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Call_for_Papers.html)

More information about the conference is available at the conference website:

<http://www.hku.hk/linguist/alt9/Home.html>

#### *1.2. Pre-conference workshop*

Before the ALT conference, on July 21st, there will be a workshop on "Typological Studies of Languages of China", organized by Picus Ding (HKU).

More information about the workshop can be found at:

<http://www.hku.hk/linguist/ChinaLg/>

#### *1.3. ALT10 in Leipzig*

In response to our call for bids to organize ALT10 in 2013, we received two offers, one from Leipzig (submitted by Martin Haspelmath) and one from Oxford (submitted by Aditi Lahiri).

The executive committee carefully considered both proposals, which specified proposed organizers, location, timing, and financial support, and decided to hand the organization of ALT10 to Leipzig.

Everyone agreed, however, that both Oxford and Leipzig are excellent venues, and that we were fortunate to have a choice of two great proposals for ALT10. We would like to thank the typologists at Leipzig and at Oxford for offering to organize the conference and for putting together two excellent proposals.

## **2. ALT Awards**

At ALT9 in Hong Kong, the Association for Linguistic Typology will present two awards, the Greenberg Award for the best typological dissertation passed in 2009-2010, and the Pāṇini Award for the best grammar as a PhD passed in 2007-2010.

### *2.1. The Joseph Greenberg Award 2011*

The Association for Linguistic Typology's Joseph Greenberg Award recognizes and honours the best piece of typological research embodied in a doctoral dissertation or equivalent in 2009-2010. Theses are eligible if they were accepted by a university between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2010. The award will consist of payment of travel, per diem expenses and registration fee to attend the ALT IX Conference, to be held in Hong Kong, July 21-24, 2011, and to present a synopsis or element of the prize-winning work as a plenary lecture at that meeting.

The Joseph Greenberg Award was named to remember Joseph Greenberg's (1915-2001) fundamental contributions to typology and the interest he showed in encouraging young researchers. Between 1998 and 2006, it was known as the "ALT Junior Award".

To be eligible, those submitting their dissertation must be members of the Association for Linguistic Typology (ALT). They are asked to submit their manuscript by email in pdf format, with all non-standard fonts in Unicode, to the chair of the jury, to arrive no later than January 31st 2011. If this proves technically difficult, the candidate is asked to discuss the problem with the chair. A jury, consisting of about ten ALT members, will be appointed by ALT's president, appropriate to the work submitted.

The chair will be:

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### *2.2. The Pāṇini Award 2011*

At the 9th Biennial Conference in Hong Kong (July 21-24 2011), the Association for Linguistic Typology will award its second Pāṇini prize, for a grammar passed as a dissertation between

January 1st 2007 and December 31st 2010. The Pāṇini award was established to encourage and honour achievements in the field of documenting the world's linguistic diversity through the writing of reference grammars. To be eligible, a grammar must provide a systematic, accessible, comprehensive, original, insightful and typologically well-informed account of the workings of the language being described, generously exemplified with natural data. Though the normal expectation is that it would deal with a hitherto little-described language, outstanding grammars of better-known languages or dialects thereof may also be considered if they achieve major breakthroughs in a comprehensive understanding of the language. Grammars may be written in any major language, subject to the availability of a sufficient and geographically balanced set of jury members able to read the language. In order to be eligible for the prize, the author must be a member of ALT.

Entries will be judged by a committee of half-a-dozen or more distinguished linguists, including a number of judges who have themselves written major reference grammars but also typologists and other categories of grammar-readers. The chair for the 2011 award will be Keren Rice.

Entries are normally submitted as a PDF file with embedded fonts. The deadline for submission is December 31st, 2010. Any questions about submissions should be directed to the chair.

Prize winners for the Pāṇini award will receive a paid fare to and accommodation and registration at the ALT conference in Hong Kong, as well as a collection of reference grammars and other works donated by major publishers in the area. They will also present a plenary lecture setting out the typologically most interesting aspects of the language.

The address for submissions for the 2011 Pāṇini award is:

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### ***3. ALT's nominating committee***

Two vacant seats had to be filled in the Nominating Committee, whose job it is to nominate people for the positions of President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor-in-Chief, as well as for vacant positions in the Editorial and Executive Committees. The president nominated Rachel Nordlinger and Denis Creissels, who were approved by the Executive Committee and agreed to take up their function.

The new members will replace Kees Hengeveld and Jae Jung Song, whose term in the Nominating Committee came to an end. We are very grateful to Kees and Jae for their service in this committee.

#### **4. Subscriptions to Linguistic Typology**

##### *4.1. New subscription options from 2011*

From 2011, members will be able to choose between an on-line or a print subscription to Linguistic Typology. On-line subscription includes access to back issues between 1998 and 2010. Unfortunately, it is not available for student members, or in combination with a print subscription.

Members who would like to switch to an on-line subscription for 2011 are asked to contact Rhenus Distribution at [regina.reisacher@de.rhenus.com](mailto:regina.reisacher@de.rhenus.com).

De Gruyter Mouton has asked us to inform members about the new prices for subscription from 2011:

- (i) regular membership print only: € 68 / \$ 99 plus postage
- (ii) regular membership online only: € 78 / \$ 114 (including back issues up to 1998)
- (iii) student membership print only: € 43 / \$ 65 plus postage

Current postage rates are € 7,50 for regular mail in Germany, € 15 for surface mail outside Germany, and € 33 for airmail outside Germany.

##### *4.2. Renewing membership and subscriptions to LT*

The procedure for renewing membership and subscription to LT remains less than satisfactory in a number of ways. One issue is that communication with Rhenus Distribution, the external logistics centre used by Mouton de Gruyter, is not always transparent or smooth. Another issue is the absence of a secure on-line method for credit card payment, which is the preferred method for the majority of members.

We took up these issues with De Gruyter Mouton. In response to our request, they worked out a new procedure for the renewal of membership and subscription to LT. Invoices will be sent at the start of each calendar year, before the first issue of LT has been shipped. They will be accompanied by a letter explaining what the invoice is for, and how it can be paid (cheque, credit card or bank transfer). The issue of secure on-line payment by credit card requires further in-house discussion at De Gruyter Mouton, but we hope we can make progress on this front as well.