



Call for papers

Student Conference of the Summer School in “Language Documentation and Description”

Lyon, France : June 28th 2008



Deadline for submission: 2nd April 2008

The Student Conference of the Summer School in Language Documentation and Description (hosted by the CNRS “Dynamique du Langage” Laboratory and the University of Lyon-2 in Lyon, France from June 23rd to July 4th 2008) will take place on Saturday, June 28th 2008.

The Summer School aims to introduce the concepts and practices of language documentation and description in linguistics through courses taught by specialists in this emerging discipline from the University of Lyon (the ANR AALLED (*Africa Latin America Endangered Languages*) project of the CNRS DDL (Dynamique du Langage) laboratory); London University-SOAS (HRELP (*Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project*)) and the University of Leiden (LUCL (*Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa*)).

In order to give a voice to junior researchers, as part of the Summer School a day has been organised by the “Student Fieldwork Group” of the DDL Laboratory and the Linguistics Department of the University of Lyon for students at the Masters or PhD level. Papers may be on any of the three main topics related to the Summer School, including:

- **Fieldwork and language communities:** dealing with local authorities, fieldwork ethics, giving back to language communities, establishing and maintaining contacts and relationships with the community, practical issues in the field, fieldwork methodologies, etc.
- **Description methods:** grammar and dictionary writing, specialised lexicons, preparing field data for language description, elicitation, etc.
- **Documentation:** documentation methodologies, recording and archiving of language data, linguistic metadata, technical issues associated with language documentation, the role of language documentation/description in language revitalisation, setting up a language documentation project, development of language materials for the community, etc.

Students are invited to submit an anonymous abstract of no more than 400 words in English or French as an attached document by the 2nd of April 2008 to aalled@ish-lyon.cnrs.fr with the subject line “Student Conference Abstract Submission”. Please include your name, institution, level of study, the title of the abstract and your contact details in the body of the e-mail.

Preference will be given to students who are accepted to attend the Summer School, though non-attendees are also invited to submit abstracts and may be selected to present at the conference. Note that students presenting at the conference who are not enrolled in the Summer School will be asked to pay a small participation fee to help cover costs. Each presentation will be of 20 minutes duration followed by 10 minutes for questions.

Successful students will be notified after the 17th of April.

Further information about the Summer School can be found at:

http://www.ddl.ish-lyon.cnrs.fr/aalled/une/une_EN.html

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