

LAGB Annual Meeting 2008: University of Essex

Second Circular and announcement of changes to the LAGB constitution

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Essex, from 10th to 13th September. The local organisers are **Sonja Eisenbeiss**, **Nancy Kula**, and **Bob Borsley**.

This circular and the **conference programme** are available here:
www.lagb.org.uk/meetings.htm

The meeting email address is: lagb2008@essex.ac.uk

Please check the conference website for any updates and further details about the meeting and programme:
www.essex.ac.uk/LAGB2008

Special events

1. The **Henry Sweet Lecture 2008** will be delivered by **Professor Paul Kiparsky** (Stanford University) on the evening of 10th September, with the title '**Synchronic Analogy**'.
2. The **Linguistics Association Lecture 2008** will be delivered by **Professor Bernard Comrie** (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology) on 13th September, with the title '**Exploiting WALS: New Developments in Areal Typology**'.
3. There will also be a Workshop entitled '**New perspectives on the phonological cycle**' related to **Paul Kiparsky's** Henry Sweet Lecture, on the afternoon of 10th August, featuring talks by **Ricardo Bermúdez-Otero** (Manchester), **Geert Booij** (Leiden), and **Sarah Collie** (Edinburgh).
4. There will also be a special themed session on 12th and 13th September, related to **Bernard Comrie's** Linguistics Association Lecture, with the title '**Language Contact**', for which abstracts were invited.
5. There will be a **Language Tutorial** on **Archi**, given by Marina Chumakina, Dunstan Brown and Greville Corbett (University of Surrey). For details, please see www.archi.surrey.ac.uk
6. There will be a session organised by the LAGB's **Education Committee** with the title "Foreign languages: changes at school (and university?). How changes in primary and secondary education will affect future undergraduates, and how universities can help." Speakers will include Ros Mitchell (Southampton) and Teresa Birks (Higher Education Advisor, CILT). Further details are available on this website: www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm
7. Professor **Shearer West**, the Director of Research at the **Arts and Humanities Research Council**, will give a brief presentation on Friday 12th September and will respond to questions from the meeting.

A wine reception will be held on the evening of 10th September, sponsored by Cambridge University Press.

Venue

The University of Essex is based in Wivenhoe Park on the south-eastern outskirts of Colchester and close to the picturesque village of Wivenhoe. Colchester claims to be the oldest town in Britain. It was mentioned by Pliny the Elder in AD 77 and was the first Roman capital of Britain. It was attacked and destroyed during Boudica's rebellion in AD 61, and sometime after the destruction, London became the capital. In 1648, during the English Civil War, the town was besieged by the Parliamentary army for eleven and a half weeks. Colchester Castle Museum, located in the Colchester Castle, includes among other things an extensive exhibit on Roman Colchester.

- Further local information will be available on the conference website: www.essex.ac.uk/LAGB2008

Accommodation

Rooms are available close to the conference venue. See the booking form and conference website for details.

Travel

Colchester is 56 miles northeast of London. It is connected to the capital by the A12 road and the Great Eastern Main Line. The University is also 30 minutes by road from the port of Harwich (follow the A120). Stansted (London's third international airport) is just 45 minutes away by road via the A120 and A12. There is also an hourly bus service from Stansted Airport direct to the Colchester campus (details available here: www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/southeast/essex/stansted/CoachLinkDec2005.pdf). Basic location information can be found at: www.essex.ac.uk/about/find.html

Booking is a two stage process.

- **stage 1:** fill in an electronic version of the booking form and submit it by email
- **stage 2:** pay for your booking, by one of these means:
 - to pay by **cheque:** you will need to post the cheque to the conference organisers, accompanied by a note which indicates your name and that this is a booking for the LAGB 2008 conference
 - to pay using a credit card by **email** or **post:** you will need to write to the conference organisers with your credit card details and the amount that you need to pay
 - to pay using a credit card on the **phone:** you will need to phone the organisers during UK office hours (9am-5pm), with your credit card details handy

Full details of the booking procedure, the booking form, and how to pay are given on the last pages of this circular. If you have any questions about booking, you should contact lagb2008@essex.ac.uk

Booking deadline: There is a discount on bookings received by **8th August 2008**, expressed as a 'late fee' for bookings received after that date.

Guests and non-members: Members may invite any number of guests to meetings of the Association, and non-members may attend without invitation; an additional guest fee of £10.00 is payable on booking for non-members, in addition to the standard fees. This can be avoided by joining the Association before booking.

Abstracts will be available on the conference website.

Registration will start at 11.00am on Wednesday 10th September in the LTB Foyer. This will be signposted from the main entrances to the campus, and further details will be available on the conference website.

Bar: The Student Union Bar and Food Bar on Square 3 is open from 11.00-23.00. Further information will be posted on the conference website.

Food: Please indicate if you are vegetarian or have other dietary requirements in your booking.

LAGB Annual General Meeting: This is to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 11th September. Items for the agenda should be sent to the Honorary Secretary (address below).

Communication with the membership

Website: The LAGB website can be found at www.lagb.org.uk

Mailing list: Details of the list can be found here: www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/lagb.html

The list is used to disseminate circulars and other information that may be of interest to members, and to consult members. You will be subscribed to the list by the membership secretary, but may ask to be unsubscribed, if you so choose. Messages sent to lagb@jiscmail.ac.uk will be distributed to the list, once they have been approved by a list moderator.

Changes of address

Members are reminded to send notification of changes of address to the Membership Secretary (for contact details see below). An institutional address is preferred.

Future Meetings

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2009 University of Edinburgh (**50th anniversary meeting**) 6th-9th September 2009

2010 University of Leeds

2011 Your university here...?

The Meetings Secretary would very much like to receive offers of future venues, particularly from institutions which the LAGB has not previously or recently visited.

Nominations for speakers, workshops and language tutorials (language and/or speaker) at future meetings are also requested; all suggestions should be sent to the Honorary Secretary. The nominations collected will be voted on by the membership at the Annual General Meeting, which is held as part of the Annual Meeting.

The LAGB committee

President

Current term: 2005-2008 (re-elected unopposed for a second term from 2008)

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Alterations to the LAGB constitution

The committee has proposed a number of minor amendments to the LAGB's constitution. The membership will be asked to vote on these amendments at the 2008 AGM, held as part of the 2008 LAGB meeting. Details of this, and a full draft of the revised version of the constitution, are available here:

<http://www.lagb.org.uk/constitution.htm>

Establishment of the LAGB Student Committee

As explained in the first circular of 2008 and in messages to the LAGB mailing list, the Association decided at the 2007 AGM to set up a Student Committee (see <http://www.lagb.org.uk/election.htm>). Nominations and elections have now been held and the committee will be formally established at the 2008 LAGB Meeting. The following members have been elected to serve on the committee:

- Penny Thompson (Edinburgh), Chair
- Miltiadis Kokkonidis (Oxford)
- Chris Lucas (Cambridge)
- Filippo Nereo (Manchester)
- Elena Papadopoulou (Essex)

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- **stage 2:** pay for your booking by one of the means set out below

STAGE 1

BOOKING FORM: fill in **section 1** (for general details) and **either section 2 or 3** (to let us know what you would like to book for) and return this form, **by email**, to: lagb2008@essex.ac.uk. You may either attach a filled-in version of the word version of this document or simply copy and paste the details required into the body of an email. Whichever method you choose, please make sure that you have included all the information required.

Accommodation: Accommodation is available on campus at the University of Essex. All rooms are *en suite*, and are available on a bed and breakfast basis.

SECTION 1

NAME (first name, last name)

INSTITUTION (please keep this short)

ADDRESS

EMAIL (acknowledgment of booking form and any contact before the conference will be by email)

Please note here any SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (e.g. diet, accommodation)

SECTION 2: booking for a complete conference package

To indicate which package you would like to book for, please **DELETE** those items which you would **NOT** like or do not need to book, and then indicate the total amount that you need to pay.

(a) complete package: Weds, Thurs, Fri B&B + all meals *including* Wednesday lunch preceding workshop

* if sent to arrive by 8th August **£290.00**

* if sent to arrive after 8th August 2008 **£310.00**

(b) complete package: Weds, Thurs, Fri B&B + all meals *excluding* Wednesday lunch

* if sent to arrive by 8th August 2008 **£283.00**

* if sent to arrive after 8th August 2008 **£303.00**

(c) Surcharge for non-members

* not applicable as I am a member of the LAGB

* add **£10.00** as I am not a member of the LAGB

(d) Optional additional nights' B&B accommodation

* DAY 0/1 (Tuesday night) **£41.00**

* DAY 3/4 (Saturday night) **£41.00**

TOTAL: £

SECTION 3: booking for selected items

To indicate which items you would like to book for, please **DELETE** those items which you would **NOT** like or do not need to book, and then indicate the total amount that you need to pay.

(a) **Conference Fee** (this covers room hire, powerpoint projection facilities, programme production, registration materials, tea/coffee, etc.): it is **OBLIGATORY** to pay the conference fee for each day or part day that you attend

* DAY 1 (Wednesday) **£20.00**

* DAY 2 (Thursday) **£27.50**

* DAY 3 (Friday) **£27.50**

* DAY 4 (Saturday) **£27.50**

(b) Meals

* DAY 1 (Wednesday) lunch **£7.00**

* DAY 1 (Wednesday) dinner **£12.50**

* DAY 2 (Thursday) lunch **£7.00**

* DAY 2 (Thursday) dinner **£12.50**

* DAY 3 (Friday) lunch **£7.00**

* DAY 3 (Friday) dinner **£12.50**

* DAY 4 (Saturday) lunch **£7.00**

(c) B&B accommodation

* DAY 0/1 (Tuesday) **£41.00**

* DAY 1/2 (Wednesday) **£41.00**

* DAY 2/3 (Thursday) **£41.00**

* DAY 2/3 (Friday) **£41.00**

* DAY 3/4 (Saturday) **£41.00**

(d) Surcharge for non-members

* not applicable as I am a member of the LAGB

* add **£10.00** as I am not a member of the LAGB

(e) Late fee

* not applicable as I have submitted my booking to arrive by the 8th August 2008

* add **£20.00** as my booking will arrive after 8th August 2008

TOTAL: £

****STAGE 2****

After you have submitted your booking form, you can pay for your booking by one of four means:

- (i) to pay by cheque: post the cheque to LAGB, Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ accompanied by a note which indicates your name and that this is a booking for the LAGB 2008 conference; only sterling cheques drawn from UK banks are acceptable, and you should make your cheque payable to 'University of Essex (LAGB)'.
- (ii) to pay by credit card using an email: send the email to celmer@essex.ac.uk
- (iii) to pay by credit card by post: send the letter to LAGB, Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ
- (iv) to pay by credit card on the phone: telephone Caralyn Elmer on (01206) 872 083 during UK office hours (9am-5pm) – if phoning from outside the UK, use your international access code, 44 for the UK and then 1206 872 083.

If you choose (ii), (iii) or (iv), you will need to supply the following details:

NAME OF CONFERENCE: LAGB 2008

FULL NAME ON CREDIT CARD

NAME OF BANK

CARD NUMBER

SECURITY CODE (on the back of your card)

EXPIRY DATE

AMOUNT TO BE TAKEN FROM ACCOUNT

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