

# LAGB Annual Meeting 2011: University of Manchester

## *First Circular and Call for Papers*

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Linguistics Association of Great Britain will be held at the University of Manchester, from 7th to 10th September. The local organisers will be **Yuni Kim, Andrew Koontz-Garboden, Ludovica Serratrice** and **Nuria Yáñez-Bouza**. The Meeting will last four days and will feature several special events, listed below.

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### Special events

1. The **Henry Sweet Lecture 2011** will be delivered by Professor **Mark Liberman** (University of Pennsylvania) on the evening of 7th September, with the title '**Towards the golden age of speech and language science**'.
  2. The **Linguistics Association Lecture 2011** will be delivered by Professor **Colin Phillips** (University of Maryland) on 10th September, with the title '**What is a mental grammar?**'.
  3. There will be a **special workshop** related to Mark Liberman's Henry Sweet Lecture, on 7th September organized by John Coleman, entitled '**Using large-scale speech collections in phonetics and phonology research**'.
  4. There will also be a **special themed session** on 10th September, related to Colin Phillips's Linguistics Association Lecture, with the title '**The psycholinguistics of grammar**', for which abstracts are now invited. These should be submitted in the same way as abstracts for the general sessions, but should be clearly marked as intended for the special session.
  5. There will be a Language Tutorial on **Tundra Nenets**, given by Dr. **Irina Nikolaeva** (School of Oriental and African Studies).
  6. The **LAGB Education Committee** will hold a two-hour session on the UK Linguistics Olympiad (a competition in which school children solve linguistics data problems). Members of the UKLO committee will explain the history, the aims, and the achievements so far, of the olympiad; present some samples of the problems children have to solve; and invite questions and discussion. Further details will soon be made available on this website: [www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm](http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/ecsessions.htm).
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### Venue

The conference will be held at Hulme Hall, a self-contained venue set in landscaped lawns and gardens, in the Victoria Park area of Manchester. Situated just 1.5 miles from the city centre and close to the main University of Manchester campus, Hulme Hall is located a few minutes walk away from Manchester's famous Curry Mile on Wilmslow Road - the main bus route to the university and city centre. Manchester itself is one of Britain's most dynamic cities, famous for its music culture, football teams, universities and exciting nightlife. The city boasts world-class galleries and museums, excellent shopping opportunities, and restaurants, pubs and bars to suit every taste.

[www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/meetingmanchester/venues/victoriapark/hulme/](http://www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/meetingmanchester/venues/victoriapark/hulme/)

### Accommodation

Rooms will be available at the conference venue. Further details will be provided in the second circular.

### Travel

Manchester is easily reached by road, rail or air, with direct connections to most major cities in the country. The conference venue is a 20 minute bus ride from Piccadilly bus station, or can be reached by a short taxi ride from the city centre. Manchester's ring road connects the city to motorways to the north, south, east and west. Manchester Airport is just 9 miles from the conference venue. From the airport, trains to the city centre run every 15 minutes into Piccadilly train station; the average journey time is 20 minutes.

[www.visitmanchester.com/#/transport.aspx](http://www.visitmanchester.com/#/transport.aspx)

## Call for Papers

Both members and non-members are invited to offer papers for the Meeting. The LAGB welcomes submissions on any topic in the field of linguistics; papers are selected on their (perceived) merits, and not according to their subject matter or theoretical framework.

### How and when to submit an abstract

Each person is permitted to submit a maximum of one single-authored paper and one-joint authored paper. All abstracts should be submitted electronically. You will need to send an email with **two attachments** – one of the attached files should be an anonymous copy of the abstract (and should be named yoursurname-anon.pdf, or yoursurname-anon.doc, etc.), and the other should have your name, email address and affiliation, i.e. be **camera ready** (and should be named yoursurname-name.pdf, etc.). All abstracts should be formatted in the LAGB style outlined below. If you are applying for a **conference bursary** (see eligibility details below), your abstract should be submitted online together with your bursary application. All other submissions should be attached to an email and sent to the President at this address: [lagb.abstracts@gmail.com](mailto:lagb.abstracts@gmail.com). In the body of the email you should include the title of the abstract, the names of co-authors, if any, and an address for correspondence (email and surface). Correspondence about the abstract will be only with the sender of the e-mail. The attached files should be in one of the following formats: pdf (preferred), or Word, or plain text. Any phonetic characters should either be embedded in a pdf file, or be in the Doulos SIL font, which can be downloaded for free from this site: <http://scripts.sil.org/DoulosSIL> download

Papers for the programme are selected anonymously – only the President knows the name of the authors and does not participate in the selection. If an abstract is accepted for the meeting, the camera-ready copy will be used to produce the abstracts booklet. All abstracts should be accompanied (in the email) by details of **any** requirements for **audiovisual equipment**. While we will make every effort to provide such equipment, we cannot guarantee that it will be available. The normal length for papers delivered at LAGB meetings is 25 minutes (plus 15 minutes discussion). All abstracts must arrive before or on **4th April 2011**. The committee will plan the programme as soon as it has selected the abstracts, so please indicate **in the e-mail that you send with the abstracts** if you cannot present your paper on any particular day of the conference. Please indicate on the anonymous abstract if your presentation is intended for the themed session on ‘**The psycholinguistics of grammar**’.

### Abstract format

Abstracts must be presented as follows: the complete, camera-ready abstract (i.e. the one containing your name and affiliation) must be no longer than **one A4 page** with margins of at least 2.5cm on all sides. Only the first page of any abstract submitted will be considered – no appendices or pages for references can be accepted. If the formatting instructions are not followed the abstract may not be considered. You may use single spacing but type must be no smaller than 12 points. If the paper is accepted, the abstract will be inserted directly into the collection of abstracts given to participants, so the presentation should be clear and clean.

The following layout should be considered as standard:

(title) **Optimality and the Klingon vowel shift**

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(institution) Department of Astrology, Eastern Mars University

### Content of abstracts

The following guidelines may be useful:

- You should clearly describe the paper’s general topic. The topic may be a problem of theory or analysis or set of data which have not previously been analysed.
- You should describe your treatment of the topic, and how it relates to previous work on the same topic. (When referring to previous work, it is enough to cite “Author (Date)” in the body of the abstract without giving full bibliographical details.) It is not acceptable simply to promise a solution.
- You should explain how you will justify your treatment, and cite crucial evidence - you must trust the committee (and other conference attendees) not to steal your ideas before you have presented them. If you are taking a stand on a controversial issue, summarise the arguments that lead you to take up this position.

### Themed sessions

As well as individual abstracts, groups of speakers may submit a set of abstracts for a themed session (or panel) on any linguistic subject of their choice. Such groups will normally take up a whole session (ideal numbers of abstracts for such sessions might be 3, 4, 5 or 6). All the abstracts for such sessions will be considered together, as a group, and one contact for the whole session should be provided. Abstracts for such themed sessions should be submitted together, to the President, with the same format as specified for individual abstracts. They should be accompanied by a brief synopsis of the merits of the themed session. Please contact the President directly if you have any questions about this.

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### Conference bursaries for postgraduate students and unwaged members

Up to fifteen bursaries are available for **unsalaried members** of the Association (e.g. PhD students). Preference will be given to those who are presenting a paper, but if there are not fifteen applications from those presenting papers, applications from non-presenting attendees will also be considered. While applicants for bursaries must be members of the Association, applications for membership may be submitted at the same time as applications for bursaries, through the LAGB website: [http://www.lagb.org.uk/?page\\_id=59](http://www.lagb.org.uk/?page_id=59). The bursary normally covers the conference registration fee and travel within the UK, but **does not include accommodation costs or the cost of meals**. Those presenting a paper will receive an additional amount of £40.00 as a contribution to other costs.

**Applications for bursaries** should be made online by the deadline for abstracts. If you are submitting an abstract and applying for a bursary, **both should be submitted together** through the LAGB website: [www.lagb.org.uk/?page\\_id=25](http://www.lagb.org.uk/?page_id=25)

If you are not submitting an abstract, but are eligible for a bursary, then you are still encouraged to apply, again, using the form on the LAGB website.

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### Communications with the membership

#### Website

The LAGB website can be found at [www.lagb.org.uk](http://www.lagb.org.uk)

#### Mailing list

LAGB members are automatically subscribed to the LAGB mailing list when they join the association (but may ask to be unsubscribed, if they so choose). Non-members cannot subscribe or post to the list and need to join the LAGB if they wish to receive LAGB mailouts or contact members of the association in this way. Details of the LAGB mailing list can be found here: [www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/lagb.html](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/lagb.html). Messages sent to [lagb@jiscmail.ac.uk](mailto:lagb@jiscmail.ac.uk) will be distributed to the list once they have been approved by a list moderator. Please note that mailing list messages should be text only, without attachments.

#### 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.

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### Future Meetings

All meetings are held in late August / early September:

2012 University of Salford (5th-8th September 2012)

2013 School of Oriental and African Studies, London (28th-31st August 2013)

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**The Meetings Secretary would very much like to receive offers of future venues, particularly from institutions that the LAGB has not visited for a while.**

Nominations for speakers, workshops and language tutorials (language and/or speaker) at future meetings are also requested; all suggestions should be emailed 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.

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## Nominations for the role of President

The second term of office for the President ends this year, so nominations are requested for this position. Any member of the Association may be nominated by any other member. Nominations for the position should be sent to the Assistant Secretary (p.larrivee@aston.ac.uk) by **4th April 2011**.