

NEWSLETTER # 1

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FINALLY ... a newsletter!

and the primary focus of this issue is to give further information about the coming UK-Cognitive Linguistics conference, to be held at Cardiff University, Wales. **August 27-30, 2007.**

Contents:

- Information about coming UK-CLA conference
- Call for members to contribute to future newsletters.

ALERT: Abstracts Deadline = 5th February, 2007

Send abstracts to: ndcl-2@cardiff.ac.uk

Greetings to all linguists and language scientists who may be reading this newsletter!

The *UK- Cognitive Linguistics Association* was inaugurated at the 2005 meeting, held at Sussex University, and we are thrilled to be quickly approaching our second Cognitive Linguistics conference on UK soil. The primary themes of this conference include a continuation of the *New Directions in Cognitive Linguistics* theme used for the first, very successful UK-CLA conference, together with a focus on *Cognitive Linguistics, Applied* (or more specifically, *Applications of cognitive (linguistics) theories and methodologies*). This second theme is very current and amplifies the importance of language research to not just describe language in use, but also to relate theory and practice to issues generated in contexts of use. As such, in addition to papers that address cognitive linguistics theory and/or offer new research that supplements our understanding of the cognitive processes involved in language use, we're also inviting papers that discuss research that applies cognitive theories and methodologies to specific language contexts (e.g., classroom, law, etc.).

We're thrilled with the line-up of plenary speakers who have committed themselves to this conference. They include internationally renowned professors from the UK, **LYNNE CAMERON** and the UK-CLA president, **CHRIS SINHA**; from mainland Europe, **ARIE VERHAGEN** and the current International Cognitive Linguistics Association president, **KLAUS PANTHER**; and from the USA, **EVE SWEETSER** and **SEANA COULSON**. Their areas of expertise include: Metaphor & Metonymy (Klaus Panther); Metaphor in Educational Discourse (Lynne Cameron); Discourse, Syntax, and Cognition (Arie Verhagen); Language, Cognition and Culture (Chris Sinha); Cultural Aspects of Semantic Structure, Mental Spaces, and Gesture (Eve Sweetser); and finally, ERP research and Conceptual Blending Theory (Seana Coulson).

Our conference shoulders two other UK Linguistics/Language Association conferences: the BAAL (British Assoc. of Applied Linguistics) annual conference to be held in Edinburgh (6-8 Sept. 2007), and the LAGB (Linguistics Assoc. of Great Britain) annual conference to be held at Kings College London (29 Aug – 1 Sept, 2007). Due to the overlap between our conference and the LAGB conference, we (together with the LAGB conference organisers) have put together a program that can enable persons interested in both conferences to have some measure of participation in both.

We plan to finish our conference mid-afternoon on the closing day (Thursday 30th Aug), to better enable persons with their trip onwards, whether to the LAGB conference or elsewhere. The organisers of the LAGB conference have assured us that all Cogling delegates who are interested in going from our conference to theirs can register using the day-rate (for their final day) during which they hope to attract enough cognitive linguistics papers to create a theme session on cognitive linguistics research to appeal to the rest of their delegates. Similarly, we offer LAGB delegates who might not consider themselves coglingers the opportunity to join us Tuesday 28th Aug (i.e., before commencement of the LAGB conference) to offer papers that also address cognitively inspired issues relating to language structure and language use. We also offer these delegates a day-rate registration, for the Monday Opening and the Tuesday, to help make this level of participation both attractive and affordable, as well as facilitate communication between our two organisations.

We've also made other decisions to help make our conference a little more affordable to conference delegates, such as on our opening day (the 27th Aug.) registration begins from early afternoon, followed by the first Plenary (Lynne Cameron) at 4:30pm. This should enable many participants to arrive on the

opening day and reduce accommodation costs. Similarly, as indicated above, we're finishing in the afternoon on the closing day (the 30th) to also better enable people to move on that same day. University accommodation is relatively cheap, though basic (details will be posted when registration details are available on the net in April).

For further details on this conference and how to submit an abstract, go to <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/encap/ncdl/index.html>

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Further Newsletters:

For future Issues of the UK-CLA newsletter, we would like to invite (future) members to forward to us information to include, such as:

- (i) publication reviews that members think will be of interest to others
- (ii) news about relevant publications and topical dissertations that further cognitive linguistics research
- (iii) news about academic departments that offer programs dealing with cognitive linguistics research; as well as individual members from those departments
- (iv) news about conferences that may be of interest to members and cognitive linguistics research.

If all goes to plan, the next issue should be sent out in October 2007, which will include all/any of the above information that members have thought to send us, as well as news coming from the Association meeting to be held at the coming conference in Cardiff in August.

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