

# ICAAL5 (2013)

## 2nd Circular / Call for Abstracts

Fifth International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics  
Canberra, September 4-5 2013  
website: [www.icaal.org](http://www.icaal.org)

### ***Theme: Painting the Austroasiatic Family Portrait***

Following the regrettable cancellation of ICAAL5 due to flooding in Bangkok, we are delighted to announce that the next ICAAL meeting will be held at the *Australian National University* September 4-5 2013, where it will be immediately followed by the *Himalayan Languages Symposium* (HLS, Sept. 6-8, [www.himalayansymposium.org](http://www.himalayansymposium.org)).

An important outcome of the 2009 ICAAL was the certainty that the time had come to produce a comprehensive, canonical reference to the Austroasiatic language family. We invite you to make your contribution to the “table of contents” and coverage of this much-needed work. For the 2013 ICAAL conference we encourage submissions that look at the family from all theoretical and practical viewpoints, and contribute to painting a complete picture of Austroasiatic as a complex language family with deep roots across India, China, and the countries of Southeast Asia.

### ***Submission of abstracts open until May 1st***

Abstracts are to be submitted online via the EasyAbs system at: [linguistlist.org/easyabs/icaal2013](http://linguistlist.org/easyabs/icaal2013). Please keep your abstracts to less than 500 words and avoid long lists of references or numerous data examples. Acceptances will be advised by June 1st. If you require an earlier acceptance please apply directly to the organisers.

### ***Themed panels***

The organizers encourage motivated scholars to lead and coordinate themed panels of 1½ or 2 hours duration, allowing 3 or 4 presentations on a common theme. Panel leaders will take responsibility for recruiting and organizing panels, in consultation with the organizers. Please contact the organizers directly with your panel proposals.

### ***Keynote Speakers***

We are pleased to announce that two speakers, reflecting both older and younger generations, have provisionally accepted our invitations to deliver keynote addresses:

- Prof. (ret.) K. S. Nagaraja, organiser of the 3rd ICAAL meeting held in Pune (India) in 2009, and respected scholar of Munda and Khasi languages, and
- Felix Rau (University of Cologne, Germany) up and coming scholar of Munda languages.

### ***Registration***

Registration fees for the two days of the ICAAL meeting will be A\$100 for full registration and A\$60 for students. This includes your conference pack, morning and afternoon refreshments and lunch on two days. Participants will be able to pay on arrival, or by an online payment facility to be advised. For convenience registrations for both ICAAL & HLS will be coordinated through a common platform, details will follow in the next circular.

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## ***Dinner and Social Outing***

A combined (ICAAL and HLS) conference dinner and social outing will be arranged, and paid for in addition to the registration fee. We expect the outing, on Sunday the 8th of September, will give you a chance to see native Australian wildlife and spectacular outdoor scenery.

## ***Accommodation***

A block of rooms for conference participants will be reserved at University House, which you will be able to book directly or through the organisers. Currently standard room rates vary from A\$99 to A\$190 per night depending on capacity and standard, and we expect to offer a special conference rate. See University House online at: <http://www.anu.edu.au/unihouse/>.

Other hotels/motels close to the ANU campus also offer rooms for similar prices, details will be provided in the next circular.



The opening ceremony and keynote talks will be held in the recently completed Hedley Bull Centre, with its striking modern architecture and comfortable lecture theatres. The parallel sessions will be conveniently held in seminar rooms within University House.

These facilities are within the ANU campus, and there are cafes and restaurants close by, including the Fellows Bar & Cafe located right below University House.

They are also only a short walk from the centre of Canberra (known as Civic) with its shopping, hotels, and transport connections.

## ***Visiting Australia and Canberra***

September is a beautiful time to visit Canberra; it is early Spring and although cool (daily temp. varies on average between 4 and 16°C, the days are generally sunny and the air stunningly clear. Being the capital city, there are many civic attractions, most open free of charge to the public. 2013 also has many additional attractions as it is the centenary year for the city. For more details on visiting Canberra see: <http://www.visitcanberra.com.au/c100/>

For information about visa requirements and procedures for visiting Australia, please go to: <http://australia.gov.au/faqs/government-services-faqs/immigration-and-visas>.

## ***Conference Contacts***

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