

ICAAL5 (2013)

3rd Circular / Call for Abstracts

Fifth International Conference on Austroasiatic Linguistics
Canberra, September 4-5 2013
website: 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).

Submission of abstracts extended until May 17th

The deadline for abstracts has been extended, however submission before the deadline will be of great assistance to the organisers. Abstracts are to be submitted online via the EasyAbs system at: 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.

Accommodation

The previous circular advised that a block of rooms for conference participants will be reserved at University House, but another organisation already scooped us and we are not able to make a block booking. We recommend that you contact one of the establishments listed below directly and book your room(s) in good time. The following are close to the main conference venue (Hedley Bull Centre, ANU):

Adina Apartments, Northbourne Avenue, Canberra City.

2 room apartments for **\$241** a night: www.adinahotels.com.au

Rydges Lakeside Canberra, 1 London Circuit, Canberra City.

Standard rooms from **\$189** a night: www.rydges.com

University House, 1 Balmain Crescent, Acton.

Suites available from **\$154** a night: www.anu.edu.au/unihouse

Canberra Rex Hotel, 150 Northbourne Ave, Braddon

Standard rooms from **\$125** a night: canberrarexhotel.rtrk.com.au

YHA Hostel, 7 Akuna Street Civic, is only a 20 minute stroll from the conference site.

They have double rooms for **\$99**, 4 bed shared rooms for **\$35** and larger shared rooms at cheaper rates: www3.yha.com.au

Another budget option, 9kms out of town but easily accessible by local bus:

Ibis Budget Hotel, cnr Federal Hwy and Antill Street, Watson.

Rooms from **\$94** a night: ibisbudgethotel.ibis.com

There are other hotels in Canberra, and you can also book rooms through popular online booking services such as Expedia.com, Agoda.com or Booking.com.



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 site

A registration web-site through which you can register and pay by credit card should be online by the end of April, we will post the link at icaal.org once it is up. An early-bird price will be offered for registrations taken online before June 30. Participants can also pay by cash or credit card on arrival, but we request that you advise us in advance if you intend to pay on arrival in order to assist us with planning.

Dinner and Social Outing

A combined (ICAAL and HLS) conference dinner is planned for Friday September 6th. We are planning a Southeast Asian banquet at the Sabaidee Lao restaurant, which offers traditional Lao, Thai and Vietnamese food. We propose a banquet style dinner, with deserts and a selection of hard and soft beverages including local wines.

For a social outing on Sunday the 8th, we plan a “Winery and Wildlife” tour of the Canberra region. This would involve lunch at one of our beautiful local wineries, followed by an afternoon visit to the Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, where visitors are able to experience the region’s wildlife in a spectacular natural setting.

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

Local Organizers:

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