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Editor's comment

Dear ReN Africa Members,

This is our 1st issue of the 2018 newsletter of the Research Network on Applied Linguistics and Literacy in Africa and the Diaspora. We bring you news and everything else happening around our network.

This newsletter presents four scholarly meetings in Africa: The World Congress of African Linguistics in Rabat, Morocco; the International Congress of Linguists in Cape Town, South Africa; and the ALASA19 and Sintu7 conferences in Cape Town. Internationally, the Igbo Conference is in London, UK in April, the BAAL Africa SIG conference is in London in May, and the BAAL Language Policy Forum is in Sheffield, UK in June.

On a sad note, we lost an esteemed colleague, Prof Livingstone Walusimbi. He departed on 13th March 2018.

With best regards,

Yours,



Medadi Ssentanda,
Editor





Upcoming conferences and events

7th Annual International Igbo Conference, London, April 2018

Theme of the conference: Memory, culture and Community: remembering the past, imagining the future.

Date: Saturday 21st April 2018

Venue: SOAS University of London

Website: [here](#)

BAAL Language in Africa SIG Annual Conference, London, May 2018

This year's BAAL Language in Africa SIG Annual Conference will be held at SOAS, University of London. The theme for this year's conference is *African Languages in Public Spaces: Opportunities and Challenges*. The programme includes an exciting and varied range of speakers discussing the opportunities and challenges facing African languages across the continent. The keynote speaker is Professor Leketi Makalela (University of Witwatersrand).

Venue: SOAS, University of London, UK

Date: 11th May 2018

Website: liasig.wordpress.com/annual-conference-2018

BAAL Language Policy Forum, May/June 2018

Theme: Language policy in the age of diversity: Dilemmas and hopes

Date: 31st May–1st June 2018

Venue: Sheffield Hallam University, UK

Website: langpol.ac.uk/view/langpol/events/2018-lpforum

Pre-WOCAL9 Training in Theory and Methods of Language Documentation

The ten-day training workshop on language documentation to share and transfer knowledge and skills about the methods and practices of language documentation will be held at The Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR), Rabat, Morocco, prior to the 9th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL9). The training is intended for graduate students, early career researchers and linguistic faculty in Africa.

Venue: Netherlands Institute in Morocco (NIMAR), Rabat, Morocco

Dates: 11–20th August 2018

Website: liasig.wordpress.com





World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL9), Rabat, August 2018

World Congress of African Linguistics theme: “African Languages in a Global World: From Description to State Policies”

Venue: Faculty of Letters & Human Sciences- Mohammed V University in Rabat.

Dates: 25–28 August 2018

Website: 2018.wocal.net

International Congress of Linguists

The Congress is held every five years, and is meant to showcase current developments in Linguistics. The Congress will run over five days, have a plenary panel on linguistics in South Africa, nine plenary speakers covering a range of major sub-fields, 10 paper sessions each with its own focus speaker, up to 30 workshops, and several poster sessions. While speakers and topics are drawn from a wide international pool, ICL 20 will take the additional opportunity of showcasing African language research. It will also cover applied linguistic areas of research of vital importance to the African continent and the 21st century at large, with a special extended session on Multilingualism, Education, Policy and Development.

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

Dates: 2–6th July 2018

Website: icl20capetown.com

ALASA19 and Sintu7

The 19th Interim Conference of the African Languages Association of Southern Africa Conference. Theme: “#African Languages and Protest” and Sintu7: 7th International Conference on Bantu languages at The River Club, Mowbray, Cape Town.

Venue: Cape Town, South Africa

Dates: 9–11th July 2018

More information: caldi.uct.ac.za/.../ALASA19-Sintu7.pdf

Publications

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Eulogy

Death of Prof Livingstone Walusimbi

Prof. Livingstone Walusimbi was a greatly esteemed linguist at Makerere University and saw the introduction of the teaching of African languages, starting with Luganda at Makerere University, 1986. Prof. Walusimbi passed away on 13th March 2018 at the age of 83. You can find details of the eulogy [here](#).

Miscellaneous

Journals originating in Africa

- Perspectives in Education
- Reading and Writing
- Journal of Education and Development in Africa
- Per Linguam: a Journal of language learning
- Stellenbosch Papers in Linguistics

Other journals

- Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development
- Compare: A Journal of Comparative Education
- TESOL Quarterly
- Language and Education
- Journal of Language, Identity, and Education
- Anthropology and Education Quarterly
- Modern Language Journal
- International Journal of Educational Development
- Language, Culture and Curriculum
- International Multilingual Research Journal
- International Journal of bilingualism education and bilingualism

These lists are far from exhaustive, and we encourage our readers to add to the list, and perhaps even add a short comment on this [Google spreadsheet](#).

Tell us about your research!

Send us a short profile (one paragraph) of the research you are undertaking on language or literacy education in Africa by September 30, 2018, for inclusion in our next issue.

