

LATIN AMERICAN SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION (ALSFAL) REGIONAL REPORT 2004-2006

0. BACKGROUND

ALSFAL was informally created during a meeting held at the close of the First Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference which was held in Mendoza, Argentina in April 2004. Scholars from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico attended the meeting, agreed on the desirability of setting up a regional association and committed themselves to working towards this end. The following actions were then taken:

- The Association's Constitution and Statutes were agreed amongst the people who had attended the meeting and written in the three official languages of the association: Spanish, Portuguese and English.
- A Constituent Committee made up of the following members was proposed: Ana Hansen (UNCuyo, Mendoza), Estela Moyano (UNGS, Buenos Aires, Argentina), Griselda Bombelli (UNC, Córdoba, Argentina), Leila Barbara (PUC, San Paulo, Brasil), Ingrid Westhoff (UCSC, Concepción, Chile) y Gillian Moss (UniNorte, Colombia). This committee's functions were to organize voting on the proposed constitution, to set up a mailing list of members and invite new membership, to organize the second regional conference and to organize elections of officers.
- Electronic voting on the Constitution was carried out among the existing members and the Association was formally constituted on 31st March 2005.

1. OFFICERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

The Constituent Committee is currently organizing the elections of the officers for the first period. These are expected to be held in June 2006. The addresses of the members of the Constituent Committee are listed below:

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2. PAST AND UPCOMING MEETINGS

YEAR	MEETING	PLACE
2004	First Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference (Plenarists: Leila Barbara, Alice Caffarel, Peter Fries, Jim Martin, Geoff Thompson, Eija Ventola, Peter White)	Mendoza, Argentina
2005	Second Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference (Plenarists: Gerardo Álvarez, Felipe Allende, Victor Castel, Ana María Harvey, Sue Hood, John Knox, Annabelle Lukin, Salvio Menéndez, Ann Montemayor-Borsinger, Estela Moyano, David Rose, Eija Ventola)	Concepción, Chile
2006	A meeting of ALSFAL members will be held during the 33 rd ISFC	Sao Paulo, Brazil
2007	Third Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference	Puebla, Mexico
2008	Fourth Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference	Florianopolis, Brazil

3. PUBLICATIONS

The Association has not yet produced any publications but we plan to publish a newsletter and set up a website. The officers to be chosen in the upcoming elections include the respective editors.

4. ACTIVITIES

Our principal activities so far have been the two regional conferences. In Mendoza, there were 200 participants from Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Spain, Portugal, Australia, UK, France, Austria and USA. In Concepción, we had 115 participants from Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Australia and Finland.

5. MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 133 members from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Australia, UK and USA.