

REPORT FROM SYSFLAN NIGERIA (2006)

The Systemic Functional Linguistics Association of Nigeria (SYSFLAN) which was established in 1998 has held three conferences to date. The conferences were held at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Nigeria, which hosts the temporary national secretariat of the association.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently, SYSFLAN boasts around two hundred and fifty (250) registered members (apart from students) drawn from about fifteen institutions of higher learning across the country. Efforts are on to expand the membership reach of the association both institutionally and individually by holding conferences more regularly and on zonal basis.

JOURNAL/PUBLICATIONS

Efforts are still on to publish the association's first journal; *Journal of Systemic Functional Linguistics*. Papers presented at the 2004 conference held at the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, which have been peer-reviewed, are awaiting publication. This effort has been hindered by lack of funds for the purpose.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Although at the last conference of the association in 2004 it was agreed that conferences should be held every year, for the time being at the Ahmadu Bello University until SYSFLAN is more firmly established, no conference was held in 2005 due to lack of funds. A conference has however been scheduled to be held in November 2006 with the theme *SFL IN A SECOND LANGUAGE ENVIRONMENT*.

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