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Department of Linguistics, Macquarie University



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School of Languages and Linguistics, University of
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Call for Papers

Congress Theme: *Voices Around the World*

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We are delighted to call for contributions in the form of papers, workshops and colloquia to ISFC 2008, to be held at Macquarie University (<http://www.mq.edu.au/>), Sydney, Australia, 21-26 July 2008.

The Congress will be preceded by a Pre-ISFC seasonal (winter / summer) Institute, to be held at UNSW (the University of New South Wales; <http://www.unsw.edu.au/>), Sydney, Australia, 14-19 July, 2008.

Theme

The theme of the 35th ISFC is *Voices Around the World*, emphasizing the rich multi-faceted nature of contributions to systemic functional linguistics around the world and the centrality of all the regions that make up the global systemic functional community and promoting regional resonances and complementarities. Like the

theme of previous ISFCs, this theme is intended to be broad and inclusive. It is intended to be multiply interpretable, while promoting regional contributions in terms of:

- Engagement with the rich range of languages — and other semiotic systems — around the world as objects of study;
- Engagement with the varied contexts of research and application around the regions of the world, including problems arising both in academic institutions and in the wider communities and also the implications of conducting systemic functional work in different languages;
- Engagement with the different institutional environments in which systemic functional linguistics is taught and in which systemic functional linguistics informs educational efforts — the different curricular contexts in which systemic functional linguistics operates;
- Engagement with the different “dialects” and “registers” of systemic functional linguistics around the world, with an emphasis on both commonalities and complementarities.
- Engagement with different “metalanguages” close enough to systemic functional linguistics to allow for inter-translatability and cross-fertilization.

“Voice” is thus to be interpreted in all its senses relating to semiotic systems — covering both expression plane and content plane, and covering vanishing voices as well as dominant voices.

The congress theme of *Voices Around the World* will be supported not only by the programme subcommittee of the local organizing committee but also by a special regional subcommittee.

Relating to the congress theme of *Voices Around the World*, the congress will be designed to promote the development of regional and global networks:

- **Resource Networks** around the world — networks for sharing resources across regions and across institutions, taking advantage of the regional and global systemic functional communities during a period when resources sharing is increasingly being supported by technological developments at the same time as individual institutions are increasingly being positioned to compete with one another in local and national contexts;
- **Research Networks** around the world — networks for pursuing research defined in terms of fields such as educational linguistics, translation studies, computational linguistics, multimodal studies, stylistics or themes such as systemic organization, complexity, semogenesis, helping to identify synergies and to develop collaborative research projects, potentially drawing on new sources of funding.

Existing Resource and Research Networks will be supported in the organization of the programme through workshops and papers, and the formation of new networks will be encouraged and supported. In addition, these Networks will be supported in the programme through a forum for reporting on and comparing activities relating to different fields and themes. The Resource Networks can be compared with the development of repositories in linguistics, as within the Linguistic Data Consortium, and the Research Networks can be compared with the research

networks established by AILA (and the earlier scientific commissions) and with research networks more generally supported by funding agencies.

Contributions: papers, workshops and colloquia

Submissions of proposals for three forms of contribution are invited for consideration – papers, workshops and colloquia:

| | Paper | Workshop | Colloquium |
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| Submission deadline | 1 March, 2008 | 1 March, 2008 | 1 March, 2008 |
| Length | 40 minutes: 30 for presentation + 10 for discussion | 3 hours 30 minutes | 3 hours 30 minutes |
| Focus | Succinct report on research or exploration of issues by individual or team | Analysis, description, modelling or methodology in joint exploratory mode or tutorial mode | Development of Resource Network or Research Network |
| Proposal | Abstract of around 200 words by presenter(s) | Abstract of around 400 words by workshop convenor(s) | General abstract of around 200 words by convenor(s) of colloquium plus specific abstracts of around 200 words each by individual presenters |

Proposal abstracts should contain the following information:

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| Title | Title of proposed contribution |
| Presenters | Names of presenters and institutional affiliation and address, including email address; specification of convenor(s) in the case of workshops and colloquia – and upon acceptance of abstract, also photograph |
| Timetable | For workshops and colloquia, the time table of activities or presentations within the 3:30 hour slot |

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| Presentational requirements | Data projector, overhead projector, whiteboard, special AV equipment |
| Presentation: Aim | Succinct statement of the aim of the contribution |
| Presentation: Background | Relationship to previous and current work within systemic functional linguistics, with key references |
| Presentation: Body | Description of the main part of the presentation |
| Presentation: References | List of references cited in the abstract |
| Presentation: Key terms | Key terms identifying the field(s) of the presentation |

Submission

Electronic submission details to be announced on the ISFC 2008 website. Only electronic submissions will be considered.

Deadline: **1 March, 2008**

All submissions of papers, workshops and colloquia will be refereed.

For early acceptance, please contact us at the ISFC address.

Local organizing committee

The local organizing committee includes

- Christian M.I.M. Matthiessen (Convenor)
- Ernest Akerejola
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- Maria Herke
- Susan Hoadley
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- Abhishek Kumar
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- Brad Smith
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- Wu Canzhong (Webmaster)

Important dates

ISFC 2008 and pre-ISFC 2008 Institute dates

Important dates leading up to ISFC 2008 and the pre-ISFC 2008 Institute are:

- 1 March, 2008 — Abstract (papers, workshops, colloquia) submission
- 1 April, 2008 — Notification of acceptance
- 15 April, 2008 — Deadline for early-bird ISFC 2008 and pre-ISFC 2008 Institute registration
- 1 June, 2008 — Deadline for ISFC 2008 and pre-ISFC 2008 Institute registration
- 14-19 July, 2008 — Pre-ISFC 2008 Institute
- 21-26 July, 2008 — ISFC 2008

The pre-ISFC 2008 course offerings will be announced separately.

Other conferences in the region

ISFC 2008 and the pre-Congress Institute will be preceded and followed by other conferences and institutes in the region, including two in Australia before ISFC and the Institute and one in Singapore after ISFC and the Institute, as well as one in Hong Kong:

- 4-6 July, 2008 — LingFest 2008, International Lexical-Functional Grammar Annual Conference 2008 (<http://escholarship.library.usyd.edu.au/conferences/index.php/LingFest2008/LFG/>).
- 7-11 July, 2008 — ALI 2008, Australian Linguistics Institute will be held July 7-11, 2008 (<http://www.lingfest.arts.usyd.edu.au/>).
- 30 July - 1 August, 2008 — 4-ICOM, The Fourth International Conference on Multimodality, hosted by the Multimodal Analysis Lab directed by Kay O'Halloran at the National University of Singapore, Singapore (<http://multimodal-analysis-lab.org/conf/>).
- 11-15 August, 2008 (tentative dates) — HCLS-C2, the Second Conference organized by the Halliday Centre for Intelligent Applications of Language Studies (<http://www.hallidaycentre.cityu.edu.hk/index.html>), on the theme of translation (details to be announced), at Hong Kong City University, Hong Kong.

Both 4-ICOM and HCLS-C2 will have significant systemic functional content.

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