

ACBLPE Annual Conference First Call for Papers

University Assane Seck, Ziguinchor, Senegal, June 11-14, 2018.

Deadline: December 22, 2017.

The ACBLPE annual meeting will take place in the University Assane Seck, Ziguinchor, Senegal, June 11-14, 2018.

Abstracts in any area regarding Portuguese- and/or Spanish-based Creole languages as well as language contact involving Spanish and/or Portuguese are invited. Within the scope of Ziguinchor conference, we especially welcome abstracts that focus on Casamance or Guinea-Bissau as multilingual or language contact areas (regardless of the fact that a Portuguese-based Creole is involved in the settings studied).

The deadline for abstract submission is December 22, 2017. Notification of the results of the abstract evaluation will be sent by January 20.

The format of the abstract must adhere to the requirements specified in sections A and B below:

A. Abstract: electronic format

- **1.** Authors must carefully follow the directions concerning the organization of the abstract, detailed in section B below.
- **2.** The abstract (including examples) must not exceed 400 words (excluding title and references). Please note the word count at the bottom of the abstract.
- 3. The abstract should be sent as an attachment in DOC (or RTF) and PDF format.
- **4.** At the top of the abstract, outside the typing area, put the title.
- **5.** Your name should only appear in the e-mail message carrying the attached abstract.
- **6.** Special fonts: If your abstract uses any special fonts, annex the special fonts that are required in your text in the e-mail message.
- **7.** When sending the email submission, please follow this format (use the numbering system given below):
 - 1. Title of abstract:
 - **2.** Name:
 - 3. Address:
 - **4.** Affiliation:
 - **5.** Status (faculty, student):
 - **6.** Email address:
 - **7.** Phone numbers:

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B. Organization of the abstract

Many abstracts are rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. A suggested outline for abstracts is as follows:

- 1. Choose a title that clearly indicates the topic of the paper and is no more than one line long.
- 2. In the abstract, state the topic clearly.
- 3. Make reference to prior work on the topic.
- **4.** When essential to the clarity of the argumentation, present linguistic data (with glosses). Explain abbreviations at their first occurrence.
- **5.** If the paper presents the results of experiments, but collection of results is not yet complete, present the provisional results in detail. Also indicate the nature of the experimental design and the specific hypothesis tested.
- **6.** State the relevance of your hypothesis to past work. Describe the analysis in as much detail as possible. Avoid vague or unsubstantiated statements.
- 7. State the contribution to linguistic research made by the analysis.
- **8.** Citation of the relevant literature is essential within the abstract. However, the inclusion of a list of references at the end of the abstract is not obligatory.

Abstracts will be assessed on the basis of the following three criteria:

- 1. The relevance and significance of the proposed topic and/or the originality of the study.
- 2. The argumentation (including the clarity of the argument and the results/conclusions).
- 3. Knowledge of the relevant research literature and theory.