

## CONFERENCE ON THE ACQUISITION OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES

### PROGRAMME

<b>DAY ONE (21<sup>st</sup> January) – RESEARCH ON ACQUISITION</b>	
08:30	Opening and Welcome
09:00	Introductory Remarks by Prof DS Gxilishe (University of Cape Town)
09:30	Taelo Qhala and Francina Moloi (University of Lesotho, Lesotho) and Katherine Demuth (Brown University, USA) “The acquisition of Sesotho infinitival morphology.”
10:00	Francina Moloi (University of Lesotho, Lesotho) and Katherine Demuth (Brown University, USA) “The acquisition of Sesotho causatives.”
10:30	Jean Crawford and William Snyder (University of Connecticut, USA) “On the relationship between causatives and applicatives: evidence from child Sesotho.”
11:00	TEA
11:30	Melissa Bortz (University of Witwatersrand, RSA) “The acquisition of the passive in Tswana-speaking children.”
12:00	Maggie Tshule (University of Witwatersrand, RSA) “Setswana-speaking three- to five-year-old children’s comprehension and production of questions.”
12:30	LUNCH
14:00	Denis Bukuru (University of Burundi, Burundi) “Some observations on early acquisition of verb morphology by Kirundi-speaking children between 12 to 36 months.”
14:30	Kamil Ud Deen (University of Hawaii, USA) “Subject agreement in indicative and subjunctive clauses: the acquisition of Swahili”
15:00	TEA
15:30	Britta Zawada (University of South Africa, RSA) “The lexical and conceptual development of pre-school children: implications for the study of African languages.”
16:00-16:45	Invited Address Prof Neville Alexander (University of Cape Town) “The African Renaissance and the African Academy of Languages. A New Era for African languages.”
<b>DAY TWO (22<sup>nd</sup> January) -- APPLICATIONS</b>	
09:00	Mantoa Rose Smouse (University of Cape Town) “Childhood bilingualism: A study of the morphology and syntax of a Sesotho-English bilingual child.”
09:30	Sandile Gxilishe (University of Cape Town, RSA), Claire Denton-Spalding, Peter de Villiers, and Jill de Villiers (Smith College, USA) “Towards the development of norms for the acquisition of Xhosa as a first language.”

10:00	GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ON ACQUISITION -- led by Prof Jill de Villiers (Smith College)
10:30	TEA
11:00	Sithembinkosi Dube (University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe) "Observations on the developmental patterns of phonology in an Ndebele-speaking child with phonological disorders: implications for speech remediation."
11:30	Nombulelo Constance Zwane, Manono Angeline Mdluli and Paula Gains (The Molteno Project, Braamfontein, RSA) "33 years of early literacy development in 48 African languages – challenges, rewards and... still learning after all these years."
12:00	Daleen Klop (Stellenbosch University, RSA) "Comparison of the narratives of lower socio-economic Afrikaans speaking preschool children following two different shared reading intervention approaches."
12.30	LUNCH
14:00	Jean-Bertrand Aristide (University of South Africa, RSA) "Polyglotta."
14.30	Henriette Langdon and Gloria Weddington (San Jose State University, USA) "The role of the interpreter/translator in the field of speech and language pathology."
15:00	TEA
15.30-16.30	WRAP-UP DISCUSSION – "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" led by Prof. Peter de Villiers (Smith College)