

CALL FOR PAPERS
XXVI Dulzon Readings, Tomsk
24-28 June, 2011

The Department of Siberian Indigenous Languages at Tomsk State Pedagogical University is pleased to announce the XXVI International Conference “Dulzon Readings” to be held in Tomsk June 24-28, 2011. “XXVI Dulzon Readings”, which commemorates in 2011 the 110th anniversary of A.P. Dulzon’s birth and the 80th anniversary of the Faculty of Foreign Languages at TSPU.

Traditionally the International Series of Conferences “Dulzon Readings” covers a wide range of topics: typological studies of the languages of Russia, Germanic and Romance studies; linguistic, ethnographic and archeological studies of national minorities of Russia with a special focus on the indigenous languages and culture of Siberia (phonetics and phonology, morphology, lexical studies, syntax, pragmatics in synchronic-, diachronic- and areal perspectives). We also invite presentations that are related to the documentation of endangered languages, their revitalization and ethnic minority education.

In recent years, the scope of research interests of Tomsk typological school, and of the “Dulzon Readings” conference, also encompasses a range of modern theoretical and methodological frameworks in addressing the variety of aspects of language systems' organization from general- and areal typological perspectives.

In 2011, the conference undertakes to facilitate and improve interaction among young scholars, as well as to support local typological research. The conference also pursues to pay special attention to the studies of language-internal and external factors in the evolution of language and cultures, individually and in interaction. As such, in 2011, especially welcome are presentations of the current and perspective research projects in such areas as:

- aspects of system-internal variation and evolution of grammar of individual language systems (aspects of grammaticalization) in lesser-studied languages of Russia (especially Finno-Ugric, Samoyedic, Yeniseic, Altaic);
- cultural/social context of language evolution;
- general and unique aspects of contact interaction in the evolution of languages and cultures;
- inter-disciplinary studies of endangered languages and cultures;
- theory, methodology and technology of documentation of linguistic and cultural diversity;
- studies in material and cultural anthropology of Siberia.

Theoretical framework, terminology and methodology of research as well as the scope and depth of the existing studies vary to a great extent. The “XXVI Dulzon Readings” seeks to ensure the productive interaction of the theoretical approaches, methods and terminologies and to provide the extensive empirical data essential for the development of this research field.

The 2011 conference will host a mini summer school for the participants in the form of a seminar set in various aspects of general and areal typology, presented by plenary speakers. The exact program of the seminars will be announced at a later date, pending financial support decisions.

Participation is invited with individual presentations and panel/workshop organization.

- for presentations, please submit by March 1, 2011 an abstract electronically (500 words text + 1page for examples and references) at <siblang@tspu.edu.ru> with “abstract DR26” in the subject line; formatting: TimesNewRoman 12, DoulosSIL 12 for vernicular examples, interlinear 1,5; all margins 2,5cm (1”). We recommend submitting abstracts in two parallel formats, MSWord.doc and Adobe.pdf, especially if complex graphics, tables

or potentially problematic glossing is present. We plan to publish the collection of abstracts.

- for panel proposals, please submit by February 1, 2011 the brief description (200-250 words) of the topic (if known, planned duration and participants) electronically at <siblang@tspu.edu.ru> with “panel DR26” in the subject line.

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Where: Tomsk, Tomsk State Pedagogical University
When: June 24-28, 2011
Contacts: e-mail: siblang@tspu.edu.ru.
website: <http://siblang.tspu.ru/DR26/ENG.htm> (February 10, 2011)
Important dates: deadline for submission of abstracts – March 1, 2011
deadline for submission of panel proposals – February 1, 2011