

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics  
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The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) was held between 30<sup>th</sup> May - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2012 in Agay, France. SEALS is organized annually. It provides a research forum for cross-disciplinary research to share research findings at various stages or thought-provoking ideas on the languages and linguistics of Southeast Asia, including the Austroasiatic, Austronesian, Hmong-Mien, Tibeto-Burman and Tai-Kadai language families.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> SEALS 2012 was co-hosted by 10 laboratories and institutions including Institut des Sciences Humaines et Sociales (CNRS-INSHS), Structure et Dynamique des Langues (SeDyl-CNRS), Institut Nationale des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Langues et Civilisation à Tradition Orale (LACITO-CNRS), Centre Asie du Sud-Est (CASE-CNRS/ EHESS), Institut de Recherche sur le Sud-Est Asiatique (IrAsia), Maison Asie-Pacifique (MAP), Université de Provence, and Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur.

The two main organizing committee members were Dr. Joseph Deth Thach (INALCO, SeDyl) and Dr. Alice Vittrant (Université de Provence, LACITO).

There were three plenary papers: Professor Nick Enfiled (Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen) on *Kri - A Mainland Southeast Asian Language and its Lessons*; Professor Denis Paillard (CNRS / Université Paris Diderot, Paris 7, France)

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on *Languages of Southeast Asia : a stake for linguistic théories* given in French; and Professor Gérard Diffloth (EFEU) on *The 4 registers of Pearic*.

There were 43 parallel papers presented. They were grouped into six themes: Space and Deixis, Phonetics and Phonology, Syntax-Semantics/Discourse, Historical linguistics, Corpus linguistics, and Corpus and Lexicography. The Syntax-Semantics/Discourse, among other themes, received great attention from many scholars working in these fields. The syntax-semantics papers included *Postverbal argument indexation in Proto-Kuki-Chin*, *The syntax of 'Standard' Indonesian modals*, *Word-order variations and constituent structure in Naxi*, *On impersonal subjects in Thai*, *Numeral classifiers of Stieng: a typological and areal approach*, and *A new look on the origin of attributive markers in Zhuang*. Discourse papers included *Referent tracking strategies in Mongsen Ao and Chang discourse*, *NP demarcative markers and topicalization in two Indonesian languages*, and *Thematic progression in Thai Song Dam*.

Languages illustrated and discussed in parallel papers covered the five language families spoken in the Southeast Asian region: Austroasiatic language family (e.g., Maniq, Mon, Khmer, Vietnamese, Stieng), Austronesian language family (e.g., Indonesia, Nusa Tenggara, Javanese), Hmong-Mien language family (e.g., Hmong, Mien ), Sino-Tibetan language family (e.g., Youle Jino, Mongsen Ao, Bisu, Sumtu Chin, Burmese, Naxi ) and Tai-Kadai language family (e.g., Hlai, Zhuang, Thai, Thai Song Dam).

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) will be hosted by the Department of Linguistics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand in May 2013.