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Conference Report

**The 22nd Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics
Society (SEALS)**
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The 22nd Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) was held between 30th May - 2nd 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 22nd 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 Enfield (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 (EFEO) 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 23rd Annual Conference of Southeast Asian Linguistics Society (SEALS) will be hosted by the Department of Linguistics, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand in May 2013.