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## Newsletter — February 2004

The past year has again been attended by success, in terms of the excellence of Research Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Doctoral Students, both the quality and the quantity of the publications we produce, and the continuing grants and fellowships we attract. The International Workshops we host each year produce seminal volumes that are acknowledged as substantial contributions to the field. RCLT provides a relaxed but intense intellectual milieu which engenders research of the highest order.

### Who'll be at RCLT in 2004

Besides **Professor R. M. W. (Bob) Dixon** (Director), **Professor Alexandra Y. (Sasha) Aikhenvald** (Associate Director) and **Ms Siew Peng Condon** (Executive Officer), we'll have the following scholars with us this year:

#### Research Fellows

— **Dr. Nicole Kruspe**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, has undertaken a lengthy fieldtrip to work on Ceq Wong, a previously undescribed Northern Aslian language from Malaysia. She will continue writing a draft grammar of this language while working on Mah Meri, another Aslian language from Malaysia.

— **Dr. Catriona Hyslop**, on a La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship until February 2004, will then take up at RCLT her two year Individual Postgraduate Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. She will continue working on the documentation of the grammar, lexicon and oral tradition of the Vurës language of west Vanua Lava, Vanuatu.

— **Dr. Stephen Morey** is a La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellow. He will continue documenting the Turung language of Assam, India, and investigating the relationship between Turung, and the Tibeto-Burman and Tai-Kadai families.

— **Dr. Knut Olawsky** has finished his three-year RCLT Research Fellowship, and has been awarded a two-year Individual Postgraduate Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, to work on 'Language and culture of the

Urarina People of Peru: preparation of grammar and dictionary for an endangered language'.

— **Dr. Janet Sharp**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, will finalise her work on a grammar and dictionary of Karajarri, from the northwest of Western Australia.

— **Dr. Andrew Ingram**, on a Research Fellowship, will finalise a grammar of Dumo (Sko family), a Papuan language from New Guinea, and continue working on the typology of Papuan languages.

— **Dr. David Fleck** has been awarded a three-year Research Fellowship to investigate the language contact situation between Matses (Panoan family; Amazonian Peru and Brazil) and neighboring groups. He will be documenting Marubo and several undescribed obsolescent Panoan languages spoke by captive people living among the Matses.

— **Dr. Ghil'ad Zuckermann** has been awarded a two-year La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. He will explore the nature of the 'Israeli' language, whether it should be considered a historical continuation of Ancient Hebrew (a Semitic language), or a mixed language with a basically Indo-European profile.

— **Dr. Birgit Hellwig** has been awarded a two-year Individual Postgraduate Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. She will be dividing her time between the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and RCLT, working on the grammar of Goemai, a Chadic language.

— **Alec Coupe** will commence his ARC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship working on the typology of adverbial subordination and clause linkage in Tibeto-Burman languages once his PhD thesis has been approved.

### Visiting Fellows

— **Professor Dr. Bernard Comrie**, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig and Research Professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara, is a leading expert on linguistic typology and historical and comparative linguistics, having published seminal works on many topics. He will be a Special Visiting Fellow (sponsored by the Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University) from 4-22 September, giving a Public Lecture on 15 September, when he will be awarded a Degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*).

— **Professor Yolanda Lastra**, of the National University of Mexico, a leading expert on the indigenous languages of Central and South America, will be at RCLT from 3 January until 31 May. She will undertake a functional analysis of Chichimeco, an endangered Oto-Pamean language.

— **Professor Osahito Miyaoka**, of Osaka Gakuin University, a leading expert on Eskimo and polysynthesis, will be at RCLT for two periods, 4 February until 6 April, and 27 July until 28 September. He will finalise a reference grammar of Central Yupik Eskimo and translate his book 'What is a word?' into English.

— **Professor Michael Fortescue**, of the University of Copenhagen, a major expert on typology, historical linguistics, the languages of the Arctic region and language contact across the Bering Strait, will be a Visiting Fellow of RCLT and Special IAS Visiting Fellow from 14 February until 7 May. He will be working on language contact in the Arctic region and comparative studies of the Chukotko-Kamchatkan family.

— **Professor José Ramón Álvarez González**, of the University of Maracaibo, a leading expert on Carib and Arawak languages of Venezuela, will be at RCLT from 1 July to 30 September. He will be working on a grammatical sketch of Cumanagoto, an extinct Carib language of Northern Venezuela.

— **Professor Victor Friedman**, of the University of Chicago, a leading expert on languages of the Balkan linguistic area, on Slavic and on Caucasian languages, will be at RCLT from 1 August until 31 October. He will complete a book on Balkan languages (co-authored with Brian Joseph) and work on a grammar of Lak, a Northeast Caucasian language.

— **Professor Carol Genetti**, of the University of California at Santa Barbara, one of the leading scholars in Tibeto-Burman linguistics and the major expert in Dolakha Newari, will be at RCLT from mid-April to mid-August. She will be finalising a reference grammar of Dolakha Newari.

— **Dr. Stefan Elders**, of the University of Bayreuth, will be at RCLT from 1 September until 30 November working on the morphological evidence in comparative Niger-Congo and on issues in parts-of-speech typology, focussing on Gur and Adamawa-Ubangi.

#### Honorary Visiting Fellows

— **Assoc. Prof. John Hajek**, Head of the Department of French and Italian Studies at the University of Melbourne, will continue as a part-time Visiting Fellow, working on phonological typology and on the languages of East Timor.

— **Dr. Tonya Stebbins** will be working on a reference grammar of Mali-Baning, a language from the Gazelle Peninsula region of New Britain, Papua New Guinea.

— **Professor Roger Wales**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, attends RCLT as an occasional 'research retreat'. He is working on the role of prosody in discourse structure in Australian English, and on categorising spatial perspectives in discourse contexts.

— **Dr. Fernando Zúñiga**, of the University of Leipzig and the University of Zurich, will be at RCLT for a month in May sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation. He will be working on the reconstruction of the alignment system of the Makú family (Brazil).

#### PhD students

— **Antoine Guillaume** is finalising a full grammar of Cavineña, an endangered language from the Takana family, spoken in Bolivia.

— **Carola Emkow** is working on a comprehensive grammar of Araona, a Takana language spoken in Bolivia.

— **Stefan Dienst** is working on a comprehensive grammar of the Kulina language (Arawá family) from the state of Acre in Brazil.

— **Rebecca Hanson** is working on a comprehensive reference grammar of Piro (Yine), an Arawak language from Peru.

— **Sheena Van Der Mark** is working on Vinitiri, a previously undescribed Austronesian language from East New Britain, Papua New Guinea.

— **Simon Overall** will commence in March 2004. He is planning to work on a comprehensive grammar of Aguaruna, from Peru.

— **Mark Post** will commence in March 2004. He is planning to work on a previously undescribed Tibeto-Burman language from India.

— **Josephine Daguman** is finalising a comprehensive grammar of Northern Subanen, a Western Austronesian language spoken in the Zamboanga peninsula, Philippines.

## Announcement

Everyone at RCLT has written (or is writing) a grammar of a language, and many of us are working on typological universals, by inductive generalisations from a well-chosen sample of grammars. We welcome enquiries from similarly orientated scholars (from Australia or from overseas) who would like to consider spending a sabbatical at RCLT. We can provide a room and a computer, plus an intellectual ambience of the highest order.

## Events

**Professor Dr. Bernard Comrie** will be awarded the Degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*) at 11 a.m. on 15 September, and will then present a Public Lecture on the topic 'Languages, Genes, and Prehistory', with the following abstract:

'Inter-disciplinary research bringing together linguists, geneticists, and archeologists is throwing new light on hitherto intractable questions relating to prehistoric human population movements. Four case studies are examined in detail to illustrate such results: (i) the origin of the Haruai people of south-eastern Madang Province, Papua New Guinea; (ii) the arrival of Turkic languages in Azerbaijan; (iii) the Indo-Europeanization of Europe; and (iv) possible scenarios for the arrival of the English language in Great Britain.'

### Local Typology Workshop

A local Workshop on **Comparative constructions** meets fortnightly, on Wednesday from 4.00 - 5.30 p.m., commencing on 11 February 2004. At the first meeting, R.M.W. Dixon will present a position paper on the criteria for comparative constructions and their parameters of variation across the world's languages. At subsequent meetings, members of the Workshop will each give a 30 minute presentation on comparatives in a language of which they have specialised knowledge. At the end, we will attempt to put forward appropriate inductive generalisations. All linguists from the Melbourne area (or from elsewhere) are warmly invited to take part in this and in the following workshops.

### International Workshop in August 2004

Following on from our successful workshops at the ANU in 1997 and in 1998 and at La Trobe in 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, we shall be holding an International Workshop on 'Complement clauses and complementation strategies', from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2004. Auditors are welcome, at no fee (but note that we

are unable to organise accommodation for auditors). The position paper for the workshop, by R.M.W. Dixon, can be accessed on our website, <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/rclt>. The provisional program is as follows:

**Monday 16 August 2004**

**at La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen St)**

- 9.00 Opening of Workshop by Professor Michael Osborne,  
Vice-Chancellor and President of La Trobe University
- 9.10 R. M. W. Dixon (RCLT) — Jarawara (Arawá family, Brazil)
- 10.40 coffee
- 11.10 David W. Fleck (RCLT) — Matses (Panoan family, Brazil)
- 12.40 lunch
- 2.00 Marian Klamer (Leiden University) — Kambara (Austronesian family)
- 3.30 coffee
- 4.00 Masa Onishi (University of Sydney) — Motuna (Papuan)
- 5.30 finish

**Tuesday 17 August 2004**

**at La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen St)**

- 9.00 Kweku Osam (University of Ghana) — Akan (Kwa family within Niger-Congo)
- 10.30 coffee
- 11.00 Birgit Hellwig (SOAS, London and RCLT) — Goemai (Chadic branch of Afroasiatic family)
- 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Guy Deutscher (Leiden University) — Akkadian (Semitic branch of Afroasiatic family)
- 3.30 coffee
- 4.00 Ghil'ad Zuckermann (RCLT) — Israeli (Modern Hebrew)
- 5.30 finish

**Wednesday 18 August 2004 – free day**

**Thursday 19 August 2004 at RCLT at La Trobe main campus in Bundoora**

- 9.00 Alexandra Aikhenvald (RCLT) — Tariana (Arawak family, Brazil)
- 10.30 coffee
- 11.00 Ted Fernald (Swarthmore College) and Ellavina Perkins (Navajo Language Academy) — Navajo (Athapaskan family)
- 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Osahito Miyaoka (Osaka Gakuin University and RCLT) — Eskimo
- 3.30 coffee
- 4.00 B. G. Hewitt (SOAS, London) — Abkhaz (NW Caucasian family)
- 5.30 finish

**Friday 20 August 2004****at La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen St)**

- 9.00 Melanie Wilkinson (NT Department of Education) — Djambarrungu (Australian)
- 10.30 coffee
- 11.00 Carol Genetti (UC Santa Barbara and RCLT) — Newari (Tibeto-Burman family)
- 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Kate Burrige (Monash University) — Pennsylvania German
- 3.30 coffee
- 4.00 Group discussion
- 5.00 finish

**Saturday 21 August 2004 (note later starting time)****at La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen St)**

- 9.30 Stephen Morey (RCLT) — Summary and conclusions
- 11.00 coffee
- 11.30 Group discussion and publication plans
- 1.00 finish

## Book Collection

We have a useful and growing collection of monographs, predominantly grammars of languages and works on typology, language contact, etc. In addition, we subscribe to some journals, notably *Chicago Linguistics Society Papers*, *Berkeley Linguistic Society Papers*, *Oceanic Linguistics*, *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area*, *Aboriginal History* and *Journal of West African Languages*. In all, we now have about 1,450 volumes.

We are grateful to Professor Michael Osborne, Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University, for a one-off grant to assist in establishing the book collection. Thanks are also due to scholars who donated books this past year: Felix Ameka, Barry Blake, David Bradley, Eugene Casad, Jorge Chávez, Eve Danziger, Gerrit Dimmendaal, Zygmunt Frajzyngier, Bernd Heine, Christa Kilian-Hatz, Christa König, Randy LaPolla, Yolanda Lastra, Paulette Levy, Osahito Miyaoka, Margarethe Sparing-Chávez, Wally Thompson and Roberto Zavala. We welcome further donations of relevant volumes — for example, from scholars taking retirement, or just from people short of shelf space.

Anyone is welcome to make use of this collection, but note that volumes may not be taken out of the building.

## Report on RCLT's activities during 2002

Our **sixth International Workshop** was held from 9th to 14th June 2003, on 'Serial verb constructions'. Presentations were made by Felix Ameka (University of Leiden), Anthony Diller (Australian National University and RCLT), Gerrit Dimmendaal and Azeb Amha (University of Cologne), Alex François (CNRS, France), Christa Kilian-Hatz (University of Cologne), John Hajek (University of Melbourne and RCLT), Birgit Hellwig (Max Planck Institute, Nijmegen), Frank Lichtenberk (University of Auckland), Carol Lord (California State University), Stephen Matthews (University of Hong Kong), Willem de Reuse (University of North Texas), David Solnit (Berkeley), Roberto Zavala Maldonado (San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico), and Andrew Ingram, Aikhenvald and Dixon (all from RCLT), on a range of languages from North, Central and South America, Africa, Thailand, China, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Guinea.

The Vice-Chancellor and President of La Trobe University, Professor Michael Osborne, has instituted an annual event. Each year at a special ceremony, a leading world linguist will be awarded the **degree of Doctor of Letters** (honoris causa) after which they will deliver a public lecture.

Professor Marianne Mithun, from the University of California, Santa Barbara, was the first recipient of this honour. On 13 August 2003, Professor Mithun, was presented with the Honorary Degree and delivered a most well-received public lecture entitled 'Alternative worlds in peril: what do we lose when a language disappears?'

Three members of RCLT, Catriona Hyslop, Knut Olawsky and Antoine Guillaume have been awarded an **Individual Postgraduate Fellowship** from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme for two years. Antoine Guillaume will take up his fellowship at the University of Lyons. Birgit Hellwig, of MPI in Nijmegen, has also been awarded an Individual Postgraduate Fellowship from Endangered Languages Documentation Programme, to be taken up partially at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London and partially at RCLT.

**Eva Lindström**, a PhD student from the University of Stockholm and Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT in 1997-2001, successfully defended her PhD dissertation 'Topics in the grammar of Kuot, a non-Austronesian language of New Ireland, Papua New Guinea' in 2002. **Marília de Nazaré Oliveira Ferreira**, a PhD student and Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT in 2000-2001, defended her dissertation 'Estudo morfosintático da língua Parkatêjê', supervised by Prof. Dra Lucy Seki at the University of Campinas. Her thesis, which is the first complete study of the grammatical structure of a Jê language, was awarded high distinction. Congratulations, Eva! Parabéns, Marília!

Everyone at RCLT has written or is writing a grammar of a previously undescribed language. **Jane Hill**, Visiting Fellow in 2000, has just completed a comprehensive

700pp. grammar of Cupeño, a Uto-Aztecan language. **Nicole Kruspe's** grammar of Semelai, an Aslian language, is coming out as third volume in the new series Cambridge Grammatical Descriptions (edited by R.M.W. Dixon and K. Rice). **R.M.W. Dixon's** extensive grammar of Jarawara is in press with Oxford University Press. The fruit of ten years' work, a grammar of Tariana by **Alexandra Aikhenvald**, was published as second volume of Cambridge Grammatical Descriptions. A grammar of Anamuxra, by **Andrew Ingram**, a grammar of Nyangumarta, by **Janet Sharp** and *The Tai languages of Assam - a grammar and texts*, by **Stephen Morey** are currently in press with Pacific Linguistics.

When La Trobe University was established, it was designated to be the Australian University with specialisation in Latin American Studies. This accords well with the research plan of RCLT which has earmarked Amazonia as one of its three areas of particular linguistic focus (the others being the Papuan languages of New Guinea and the Aboriginal languages of Australia). We have maintained propitious links with La Trobe's **Institute of Latin American Studies**, involving the exchange of seminars, ideas and information.

A **local Workshop on Imperatives and other commands** met fortnightly, on Wednesdays 4 - 5.30 p.m., from 29 January till 10 September 2003. At the first meeting, Alexandra Aikhenvald presented a position paper on the parameters of variation of imperatives and strategies used for commands across the world's languages. At subsequent meetings, twenty six individual scholars each gave a 30-minute presentation on Imperatives and other commands in a language on which they have specialised knowledge. At the end, members of the Workshop put forward appropriate generalisations, followed by a sum-up by Alexandra Aikhenvald.

In addition to the Workshop, we held a series of **seminars**, with the participation of all the members of the Centre, and also of a number of visiting scholars, including Hans-Jürgen Sasse, of the University of Cologne; Sander Adelaar, of the University of Melbourne; William Bright, from the University of Colorado; David Holm, of the University of Melbourne; and Mark Harvey, of the University of Newcastle.

In June 2003, Dr. Stephen Morey organized **one-day workshops** on tone languages and on Tai texts.

#### Members' achievements

**Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald** has completed a monograph *Evidentiality* (delivered to Oxford University Press in January 2004). This book features a comprehensive typological analysis of a fascinating category of information source, whereby speakers have to mark whether they saw the event happen, or heard it, or inferred that it did occur, or simply learnt about it from someone else's verbal report. Having to always mark one's information source correlates with attitudes to, and precision in, stating how one knows things. Aikhenvald's monograph also explores the correlations between evidentials and human cognition.

The fruit of ten years of work, her 720 pp. comprehensive *Grammar of Tariana, from north-west Amazonia*, was published in 2003, by Cambridge University Press. The grammar was most well received by the Tariana-speaking community.

Her other recent publications include papers on language endangerment, multilingualism and ethnic stereotypes, traditional culture and globalisation, classifiers, language contact, and on evidentiality in typological perspective. She has completed an article on endangered languages of the Pacific side of South America, and, together with Andrew Ingram and Tonya Stebbins, a survey on endangered languages in Papua New Guinea (to be published in the collection *Vanishing voices of the Pacific*, edited by O. Miyaoka, O. Sakiyama and M. Krauss, Oxford: Oxford University Press). She made a presentation on serial verbs in Tariana to RCLT's International Workshop. Her major editorial task was preparing the volume resulting from the Workshop for publication, together with Dixon.

Following field work in the village of Ava Tip (Sepik region, Papua New Guinea), Aikhenvald has completed the draft of a 300-page grammar of Manambu (in collaboration with Pauline Laki) and has worked with Laki and Colonel David Takendu, OBE, on a dictionary of this language. She is planning a further fieldtrip to Ava Tip in May-June 2004, to finalise the grammar and work on traditional songs composed by women.

In July 2003, she presented a plenary address at the 17th International Congress of Linguists in Prague, on 'Evidentiality: problems and challenges'. She also introduced the panel discussion on language contact, creolisation and metatypy in the context of African languages, during the Congress.

She is continuing to advise the Tariana community on language maintenance issues. She acted as main supervisor for three PhD students and three Postdoctoral Fellows, and was appointed a Consulting editor for *Studies in Language*.

**Professor R. M. W. Dixon** has, since 1991, been working intensively on Jarawara, a language of the small Arawá family, spoken in the dense jungle of Brazil; he has collaborated on this project with missionary linguist Alan Vogel of SIL. Following a seventh field trip to the small Jarawara village of Casa Nova, in March and April, he undertook a final revision of the grammar. *The Jarawara language of southern Amazonia* will be published by Oxford University Press in mid 2004 (it consists of 660 large-format pages).

He has also been engaged in comparative reconstruction across the languages of the Arawá family and completed a lengthy paper 'Proto-Arawá phonology' which has been accepted for publication in *Anthropological Linguistics*. On a quite different topic, he gave the 'sum-up' presentation at RCLT's annual International Workshop, and later wrote this up for the Workshop volume under the title 'Serial verb constructions: Conspectus and coda'. He then wrote the position paper for the 2004 International Workshop, on 'Complement clauses and complementation strategies'.

The main task for Dixon's third term as an ARC Senior Research Fellow (2001-6) is to write — in collaboration with Aikhenvald — the first comprehensive monograph on basic linguistic theory, dealing with methodology and modes of argumentation and analysis, and also profiling recurrent grammatical categories and construction types. He has made fine progress with this task, completing fourteen draft

chapters of the book, publishing a paper on demonstratives, and drafting a paper on comparative constructions. Dixon and Aikhenvald were jointly awarded an ARC Discovery Grant, of \$100,000 p.a. for three years, to advance work on this project.

Oxford University Press have been pressing Dixon for a revised edition of his 1991 monograph, *A new approach to English grammar, on semantic principles*. Work on this is well advanced; a new chapter 'Adverbs and negation' was completed during 2003.

Dixon is co-editor (with Professor Keren Rice, of the University of Toronto) of the monograph series *Cambridge Grammatical Descriptions*, published by Cambridge University Press. 2003 saw the publication of the second volume in this series, *A grammar of Tariana, from northwest Amazonia*, by Aikhenvald. This will soon be followed by *A grammar of Semelai* (from the Aslian branch of Austroasiatic) by Nicole Kruspe. He continued on the editorial boards of the journals *Anthropological Linguistics*, *Studia Linguistica*, and *Australian Journal of Linguistics*, and of the *Typological Studies in Language* monograph series.

He also continued working on literacy issues with Aboriginal communities in North Queensland. And he has acted as main supervisor for three PhD students and three Postdoctoral fellows.

**Professor Andrew Butcher**, from Flinders University, a major expert in phonetics, was an Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 19 August until 5 December, completing and preparing for publication his major monograph on the phonetic parameters utilised by the indigenous languages of Australia. He also wrote a number of papers on the phonetics of Australian languages and gave a seminar on how Australian languages refuse to conform to phonetic and phonological norms.

**Professor Shobhana Chelliah**, of the University of North Texas, was an Honorary Visiting Fellow from 18 July until 15 August. She presented a seminar on case marking in Meithei and consulted with scholars working on Tibeto-Burman languages.

**Shuntaro Chida**, Research Fellow of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science at the University of Tokyo and Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT, spent ten months, from May 2003 to February 2003, at RCLT working on grammar of Dom, a Papuan language from the Simbu Province of Papua New Guinea. During this time he spent two months doing additional fieldwork on this language.

**Professor Östen Dahl**, of the University of Stockholm, was a Visiting Fellow at RCLT between 15 October and 15 November sponsored by the Swedish Royal Academy of Letters and the Australian Academy of Humanities. During his stay, he worked on a diachronic study of grammatical systems, with particular attention to Scandinavian non-standard varieties, and the evolution of case systems in Swedish vernaculars. He planned a monograph on grammaticalisation in northern Scandinavia.

**Professor Eve Danziger**, of the University of Virginia, was a Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 14 June until 15 October. She continued her work on the syntax and semantics of Mopan Maya, and finalised papers on the universality of the categories

Noun and Verb as they apply to Mopan Maya, on the cognitive semantics of social categorisation, and on pathways of polysemy and monosemy in the course of semantic change (based on data from the four Yucatecan languages).

**Dr. Anthony Diller**, of the National Thai Centre at the Australian National University, was a Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 1 April until 8 July. During his stay, he worked on bilingual mixing and diglossic differentiation in Thai and Khmer and continued the analysis of a database of Thai conversational materials with assistance from Phichit Roinil, a Research Assistant. He also presented a paper at the International Workshop on Serial verb constructions, and gave a number of seminars at RCLT.

**Professor Zygmunt Frajzyngier**, of the University of Colorado, was Visiting Fellow at RCLT between 1 September and 23 December. During his time at RCLT, he started work on a typology of morphology and syntax of Chadic languages, and wrote two papers on language contact and grammar in Chadic languages, in addition to a number of seminars at RCLT.

**Dr. Geoffrey Haig**, of the University of Kiel, was Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT between 1 and 29 September. During his stay, he worked on alignment shifts in Iranian languages as part of the project on grammatical relations in Kurdish and continued his work on a collection of spoken Kurdish narratives.

**Assoc. Professor John Hajek** (University of Melbourne), an Honorary Visiting Fellow, continued to work on the endangered East Timorese languages such as Waimoa and Lovaia, the Romance language Friulian, as well as his typological research on the sound systems of Southeast Asia and New Guinea.

**Professor Dr. Bernd Heine**, of the Institute for African Studies of the University of Cologne, was a Visiting Fellow of RCLT and Special IAS Visiting Fellow from 15 February until 23 March. He was working on a book (jointly with Tania Kuteva), entitled *Language contact and grammatical change*, and on a reference grammar of !Xun (a North Khoisan language of Namibia, Angola and Botswana).

**Dr. Christa König**, of the Institute for African Studies of the University of Cologne, an expert in African languages, was an Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 15 February until 23 March. During her stay, she worked on a reference grammar of !Xun (a North Khoisan language of Namibia, Angola and Botswana), and on the typology of case and on serial verbs in African languages.

**Professor Fiona Mc Laughlin**, of the University of Florida, was a Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 5 August until 27 October. During her stay, she completed articles on voiceless implosives in Seereer-Siin and on consonant mutation and reduplication in Atlantic languages, and wrote four chapters on the phonology of Seereer-Siin as part of a reference grammar of this language.

**Professor Marianne Mithun**, of the University of California at Santa Barbara, was a special Visiting Fellow between 4 August and 15 August. She was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa), presented a public lecture and a series of seminars on linguistic typology. She also consulted with linguistic colleagues and gave numerous interviews to the press and radio.

**Professor Willem de Reuse**, of the University of North Texas, spent two periods as Visiting Fellow at RCLT: 22 May to 26 August and 18 November to 16 December. During his stay, he worked on his database of Western Apache, focussing on the verb structure and tonology. He has started writing a comprehensive grammar of Western Apache. He also presented a paper on serial verbs in Lakhota (Siouan) at the International Workshop on Serial verb constructions, and gave a number of seminars at RCLT.

**Dr. Catriona Hyslop** spent 2003 working on her descriptive grammar of the Vurës language of Vanuatu. She also traveled to Vanuatu for 3 months further fieldwork. She commences an Endangered Languages Documentation Programme Postdoctoral Fellowship in February and will continue her work on Vurës.

**Dr. Andrew Ingram** continued to work on his grammar and dictionary of Dumo, a language belonging to the Sko family, spoken on the north-west coast of Sandaun province in Papua New Guinea. He made two trips to visit the Dumo speech community, from May to June and from August to September. He presented a paper at the International conference on Serial verb constructions.

**Dr. Nicole Kruspe** completed the second year of her post-doctoral fellowship. She continued to work on her description of the Aslian language Ceq Wong, including a three month fieldtrip to Malaysia. In 2004 her *Grammar of Semelai* will be published with Cambridge University Press.

**Dr. Stephen Morey** joined RCLT in June 2003. He spent three months doing fieldwork on the Turung language of India and is writing a grammar of this language, investigating the relationship between Turung, and the Tibeto-Burman and Tai-Kadai families. His PhD thesis *The Tai languages of Assam - a grammar and texts*, and the accompanying CD, have been accepted for publication by *Pacific Linguistics*.

**Dr. Knut Olawsky** commenced an Endangered Languages Documentation Programme Postdoctoral Fellowship and continued his work on documenting Urarina, an isolate spoken in the Peruvian rainforest. He has completed a draft grammar that covers most aspects of the language. He conducted further fieldwork in Peru from October to December and presented papers at Austin, Cologne and London.

**Dr. Janet Sharp** has completed eight chapters of the grammar of Karajarri; after a six week field trip checking Karajarri data at Bidyadanga, La Grange. She has produced a further draft of Karajarri and Nyangumarta Dictionaries.

**Dr. Tonya Stebbins** completed her La Trobe University Postdoctoral Fellowship with the RCLT, concentrating on preparing a grammar of the Mali Baining language (East New Britain, Papua New Guinea) based on extensive fieldwork during 2002. She also prepared papers on Mali attitudes towards language endangerment, and an extensive discussion of noun classification in the language, in addition to completing a story collection for the community.

**Dr. Ulrike Zeshan** completed two years with RCLT under a Postdoctoral Research Scheme funded by the German Science Foundation in July 2003. During her stay at RCLT, she worked on sign language typology and on Turkish sign language and other Middle-Eastern sign languages. She also developed educational resources for Sign Language in Mumbai and a pilot version of a course in Turkish Sign Language.

**Josephine Daguman** (PhD student in the La Trobe Department of Linguistics and RCLT) continued writing a grammar of Northern Subanen, a Western Austronesian language spoken in Zamboanga peninsula, Philippines, after returning from fieldwork in February 2003.

**Stefan Dienst** (PhD student at RCLT) spent the first half of 2003 in Brazil doing fieldwork on Kulina, a language of the Arawá family, and has since worked on the first draft of a Kulina grammar. He gave talks at the Laboratory of Indigenous Languages of the University of Brasilia in June and at a Conference of the Institute of Latin American Studies of La Trobe University in October 2003.

**Carola Emkow** (PhD student at RCLT) is working on a comprehensive grammar of the Araona language, a Tacana language spoken in the Northwestern Bolivian Amazon. Since coming back from her first fieldtrip in February 2003 she has been writing a first draft version of the language. She presented talks on Araona at the universities of Kiel and Berlin.

**Antoine Guillaume** (PhD student at RCLT) spent the year of 2003 finishing his grammar of Cavineña, an Amazonian language of northern Bolivia. He spent three months in the field revising the data and the analyses. After submitting his PhD thesis in February, he will take up his Individual Postgraduate Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme in Lyons, to work on the documentation of Takana and Reyesano, two endangered and previously undescribed Tacanan languages, spoken in the Amazonian rain-forest in northern Bolivia (South America).

**Rebecca Hanson** (PhD student at RCLT) is working on a comprehensive reference grammar of Piro (Yine), an Arawak language. She is currently on fieldwork in Peru.

**Sheena van der Mark** (PhD student at RCLT) is working on Vinitiri, a previously undescribed Austronesian language. She is currently on fieldwork in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea.

**Alec Coupe** (PhD student in the La Trobe Department of Linguistics) has completed his descriptive grammar of the Mongsen dialect of Ao, a Tibeto-Burman language of Nagaland, north-east India. His MA thesis was published by Pacific Linguistics. He will take up an ARC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at RCLT to work on the typology of adverbial subordination and clause linkage in Tibeto-Burman languages once his PhD thesis has been approved.

**Adam Bowles** worked fruitfully as publication assistant throughout the year.

## Outside lectures

All members of RCLT gave one or more seminar and/or workshop presentation in the Research Centre. In addition, Butcher, Dahl, Danziger, Diller, Frajzyngier, Haig, Heine, König, Mc Laughlin, Mithun and de Reuse gave a wide selection of lectures elsewhere — including the Departments of Linguistics at La Trobe, Melbourne and Monash universities.

## Volumes from past International Workshops

The volume, including revised versions of papers presented at our 2001 Workshop (the second Workshop held at La Trobe University), *Studies in evidentiality*, edited by Aikhenvald and Dixon, was published in 2003 by John Benjamins (Amsterdam) as volume 54 of *Typological Studies in Language*. The introductory chapter by Aikhenvald, 'Evidentiality in typological perspective', is followed by eleven further chapters: 'Evidentiality in Shipibo-Konibo, with a comparative overview of the category in Panoan', by Pilar M. Valenzuela; 'Evidentiality in Qiang', by Randy J. LaPolla; 'Evidentiality in Western Apache (Athabaskan)', by Willem J. de Reuse; 'Evidentials in Eastern Pomo with a comparative survey of the category in other Poman languages', by Sally McLendon; 'Evidentiality in Tariana', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald; 'Evidentiality in Jarawara', by R.M.W. Dixon; 'Evidentiality in the Balkans with special attention to Macedonian and Albanian', by Victor A. Friedman; 'Evidentiality in Yukaghir', by Elena Maslova; 'Evidentiality in Myky', by Ruth Monserrat and R.M.W. Dixon; 'Evidential category and evidential strategy in Abkhaz', by Viacheslav Chirikba; 'Evidentiality in Turkic', by Lars Johanson; 'Evidentiality in West Greenlandic: a case of scattered coding', by Michael Fortescue; 'Evidentiality: summation, questions, prospects', by Brian D. Joseph. Elena Bashir, in her review in *Linguist List* (vol. 14: 1664), recommends the volume 'without reservation', as 'a major publication in the rapidly expanding field of evidentiality studies'.

The volume from our 2002 workshop (the third workshop held at La Trobe University), *Adjective classes: a cross-linguistic typology*, edited by Dixon and

Aikhenvald, was accepted for publication by Oxford University Press as the first volume in the series *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. It will be published in the middle of 2004. After the introductory chapter, 'Adjective Classes in Typological Perspective', by R. M. W. Dixon, there are the following chapters: 'Inflected and Uninflected Adjectives in Japanese', by Anthony E. Backhouse; 'The Two Adjective Classes in Manange', by Carol Genetti and Kristine Hildebrandt; 'The Adjective Class in Tariana', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald; 'Adjectives in Mam', by Nora C. England; 'Adjectives in Papantla Totonac', by Paulette Levy; 'The Small Adjective Class in Jarawara', by R. M. W. Dixon; 'The Russian Adjective: A Pervasive yet Elusive Category', by Greville G. Corbett; 'The Adjective Class in Korean', by Ho-Min Sohn; 'Is there an Adjective Class in Wolof?', by Fiona Mc Laughlin; 'Adjectives in North-East Ambae', by Catriona Hyslop; 'Adjectives in Semelai', by Nicole Kruspe; 'Adjectives in Qiang', by Randy J. Lapolla and Chenglong Huang; 'Adjectives in Lao', by N. J. Enfield; and 'Adjective Classes: What can we Conclude?', by John Hajek.

The volume *'Serial verb constructions: a cross-linguistic typology'*, edited by Aikhenvald and Dixon, has been submitted to Oxford University Press (subject to approval by the publisher's independent referees) for the series, *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*.

Dixon's fundamental book *Australian languages: their nature and development* (published in 2002, Cambridge University Press) has been most well received. Wolfgang Schulze, in his review on *Linguist List* (vol. 14: 1231), describes it as a 'unique study in diachronic areal linguistics', and as 'an important contribution to both Australianists and non-Australianists'. Dixon's book 'opens the way towards a descriptive mode that seems to be applicable to other linguistic areas', and is 'an extremely interesting and fascinating "reading book", which tells us a comprehensive and in part even thrilling story about the Australian languages'.

Aikhenvald's monograph *Language contact in Amazonia* (2002, Oxford University Press) is, according to Bernd Heine's review (*Journal of Sociolinguistics* 7: 449-51), 'an outstanding source of understanding of contact-induced language change' which 'constitutes one of the most comprehensive studies that are available on the impact of language contact on a particular group of languages' and 'describes in detail the magnitude of areal diffusion and its implications for grammatical categorization'.

The reaction to *Areal diffusion and genetic inheritance: problems in comparative linguistics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001), edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald and R.M.W. Dixon has also been highly positive. According to Martha Ratliff (review in *Diachronica* 20: 185-218), 'this book is a pleasure to sample, and will serve as a resource for years to come'. Nicoletta Puddu, a reviewer for *Linguist List* (Vol. 14: 2085) highly recommends this book 'for all those interested in historical linguistics, language contact and language change'.

Papers in the volume *Non-canonical marking of subjects and objects* edited by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, R.M.W. Dixon and Masayuki Onishi 'provide lucid insights into a host of thorny case-marking problems that at best have received a less than adequate description in the past', according to Edward Vajda (*Language* 79: 426). He concludes that this study 'attests to the value of "basic linguistic theory" as both a descriptive device and as an assessment of our understanding of how grammars actually work'.

The new paperback edition of *Classifiers: a typology of noun categorization devices* by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald (2003, Oxford University Press) has been most well received. Christopher I. Beckwith, in his review in *Linguist list* (vol. 14: 2952) warmly recommends it 'to linguists in general, and especially anyone interested in language typology or cognition'.

## Publications

This is a selected list of books, and of papers in good-quality, hard-copy books and journals (members of the Research Centre also put out a number of scholarly reviews). We list publications during 2003 and also items accepted for publication which are 'in press'. The list covers publications by present and past members of RCLT, based on work done while they were at the Research Centre.

### **WILLEM F. H. ADELAAR** [member of RCLT in 2002]

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### **ALEXANDRA Y. AIKHENVALD**

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  - In Press. 2004. 'Evidentiality: problems and challenges', to appear in *Proceedings of the XVII International Congress of Linguists, Prague, July 2003*, edited by Piet van Sterkenbourg. Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
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**WALTER BISANG** [member of RCLT in 2000]

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**ANDREW BUTCHER** [member of RCLT in 2003]

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**ÉVA ÁGNES CSATÓ** [member of RCLT in 2001]

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**HILARY CHAPPELL** [member of RCLT in 1998 and 2001-2002]

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**SHOBHANA CHELLIAH** [member of RCLT in 2003]

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**ÖSTEN DAHL** [member of RCLT in 2003]

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**EVE DANZIGER** [member of RCLT in 2003]

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**ANTHONY DILLER** [member of RCLT in 2003]

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**JANE HILL** [member of RCLT in 2000]

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**CATRIONA HYSLOP**

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**BRIAN D. JOSEPH** [member of RCLT in 2001]

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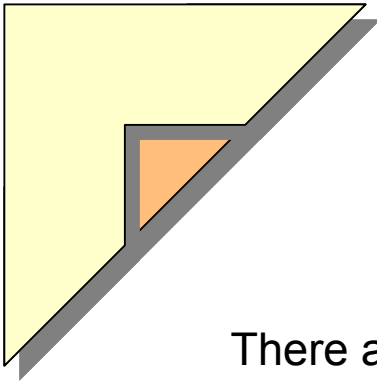
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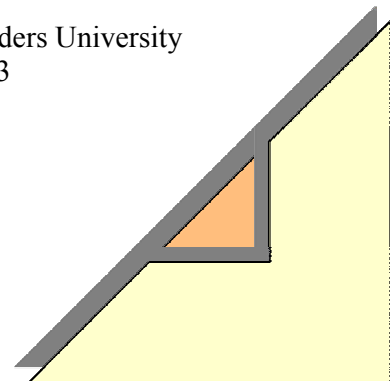




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There are some linguists who appear to think that a maximally complicated and formalised description of a phenomenon constitutes an explanation of it.

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