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Each year, RCLT builds on previous successes, attracting the highest quality applicants for PhD scholarships and Post-doctoral fellowships, and welcoming leading linguists from across the globe as Visiting Fellows. Having been established at the ANU in December 1996 (relocating to La Trobe University in January 2000), RCLT recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. Statistics tell a part of the story — PhD scholars and Post-doctoral Fellows have been drawn from 14 nations. Together with the Directors, they have produced (or are working on) theoretically-informed comprehensive descriptions of 52 languages from 20 countries in South and Central America, Africa, Asia, Oceania (focussing particularly on Papua New Guinea) and Australia. We have hosted 45 Visiting Fellows and 48 Honorary Visiting Fellows. All told, more than 90 books and over 400 scholarly papers have been produced over the decade by members of RCLT. This shows one side of the picture. More important than volume of work is its quality. Our books and other publications are consistently lauded as setting the scene for the discipline.

La Trobe University was founded in 1967 and celebrates its 40th anniversary this year

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40 YEARS
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Who'll be at RCLT in 2007

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

Research Fellows

— **Dr. Rosemary Beam de Azcona**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, will be continuing her work on Southern Zapotec descriptive, historical, anthropological, and typological linguistics and will work towards a grammar of Miahuatec Zapotec and final revisions of her Coatlán-Loxicha Zapotec dictionary, grammar, and text collection.

— **Dr. Stefan Dienst**, on an eighteen-month Research Fellowship, will continue a comprehensive study of the Jamamadí dialect of Kulina, an Arawá language from Brazil, and of Kanamarí, a language from the Katukina family, also in Brazil.

— **Dr. David Fleck**, on a two-year mid-level Research Fellowship, will continue his research on Matses and other Panoan languages, working on a monograph about the Mayoruna subgroup of the Panoan family.

— **Dr. Birgit Hellwig** is continuing her three-year La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, undertaking research on a comprehensive reference grammar of Katla, a previously undocumented Kordofanian language of the Sudan.

— **Dr. Gerd Jendraschek**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, will be continuing research on a comprehensive reference grammar of Iatmul (Gepma Kundi), a Ndu language from East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.

— **Dr. Oliver Irgesen**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, will be continuing research on a comprehensive reference grammar of Chacobo, a Panoan language spoken in Bolivia.

— **Dr. František Kratochvíl** will arrive in June to take up a three-year La Trobe University Postdoctoral Research Fellowship to work on Papuan languages spoken on the islands of Alar and Plantar, with a particular focus on Sail.

— **Dr. Renée Lambert-Brétière**, on a three-year Research Fellowship, will be continuing research on a comprehensive reference grammar of Kwoma (Washout), a language of the Kwoma-Nicoma family from East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea.

— **Dr. Stephen Morey** is continuing his two-year Individual Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. He is documenting the Turung and the Singhpo languages of Assam, India, and investigating the relationship between Turung, and the Tibeto-Burman and Tai-Kadai families.

Adjunct Professors

— **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, was appointed Adjunct Professor at RCLT for the initial period of three years, starting from 2005. She will be at RCLT from 8 July until 25 August this year, working on the syntactic properties of nominalisation in Himalayan languages and the history of adjectival verbs in Newar.

— **Professor Peter Trudgill**, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Fribourg, is a leading expert on sociolinguistics, dialectology and linguistic typology, having published seminal works on many topics. He has been appointed Adjunct Professor at RCLT for an initial period of three years, starting from 2006.

Visiting Fellows

— **Professor Ellen Basso**, Professor Emerita of the University of Arizona, a major expert on South American anthropology and on Carib-speaking groups of Xingu Park in Brazil, will be a Visiting Fellow at RCLT, from June until September 2007. She will be working on a grammar of Kalapalo, a Carib language, in addition to a variety of grammatical topics.

— **Dr. Guy Deutscher**, of the University of Leiden, a leading expert in Akkadian and Sumerian linguistics, Semitic languages and historical linguistics in general, will be a Visiting Fellow at RCLT from August to December 2007. His main project at RCLT will be a comprehensive account of the correlations between grammar and culture, with special focus on the interactions between various components of the grammar of a language and the nature of the society in which the language is spoken.

— **Professor Yaron Matras**, of University of Manchester, a leading expert on language contact, on Romani linguistics, and on linguistic typology, will be a Special IAS Visiting Fellow from 1 June 2007 until 15 January 2008. He is also the recipient of an ARC International Fellowship (with Profs. Aikhenvald and Dixon as Australia-based Chief Investigators). The title of the project is 'Development of mechanisms for understanding language contact and cross-cultural communication'. He will be working on a comprehensive grammar of Domari, a Romani language, and investigating language contact and convergence.

— **Lev Michael**, of the University of Texas (Austin), an expert on Nati (Campa, Arawak family) and Iquito (Zaparoan family) will be a Visiting Fellow at RCLT between August and December 2007. He will continue his work on a comprehensive grammar of Iquito, in addition to a variety of grammatical topics.

— **Dr. Françoise Rose**, of CNRS, an expert on Emérillon, a Tupí-Guaraní language of French Guyana, is a Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 9 January until 29 March 2007. She will be working on a description of Mojeño Trinitario, an endangered Arawak language from Bolivia.

— **Professor Ho-Min Sohn**, the Director of the Center for Korean Studies and Professor of Korean Linguistics at the University of Hawaii, a leading expert on Korean, Japanese and on Oceanic languages, will be Special IAS Visiting Fellow, between July and December 2007. He will be working towards completing a monograph with the provisional title *Grammaticalization in Korean*, and also completing a comprehensive monograph *Politeness and Honorifics in Korean*.

— **Dr. Nerida Jarkey**, of the University of Sydney, was a Visiting Fellow from 13 November 2006 until 15 February 2007, working on White Hmong with special focus on serial verb constructions.

Honorary Visiting Fellows

— **Dr. Azeb Amha**, of the University of Leiden, a leading expert on Omotic and Cushitic languages, will be at RCLT between September and November 2007. She will be finalizing a descriptive grammar of Zargulla, an endangered Omotic language spoken in south-west Ethiopia, with a special focus on the chapters on speech act distinctions in Zargulla grammar: declarative, interrogative, imperative etc. She will also be looking at the expression of these categories in other Omotic languages for comparative purposes.

— **Professor Midori Osumi**, of Tokyo Women's Christian University, was a Visiting fellow in January and February 2007, working on the grammatical structure of Neku, an endangered Austronesian language spoken on New Caledonia.

— **Professor David Watters**, a member of SIL International and of the teaching staff at Tribhuvan University at Kathmandu, Nepal, is a leading expert on Tibeto-Burman languages. He will be at RCLT between 2 March and 27 May, working on a grammar of Kaike, a previously undescribed Tibeto-Burman language, and continuing his comparative work on Tibeto-Burman languages.

— **Professor David Holm**, of the University of Melbourne, a leading expert on Chinese and Zhuang linguistics, is an Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT from 21 August 2006 until 1 March 2007, working on the Zhuang Tai language spoken by a population of around 18 million in South China, with a special focus on traditional oral and written texts in two major dialects of Zhuang.

— **Professor Kate Burridge**, Head of the Linguistics Department at Monash University, a leading expert on historical linguistics, Germanic languages (with a special focus on Pennsylvania German), and English, will be part-time at RCLT throughout the year. She will be continuing her work on Pennsylvania German.

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

— **Dr. Tonya Stebbins**, of the Linguistics Program at the Faculty of the Humanities and Social Sciences, will continue as associate member of RCLT,

working on the typology and comparative studies of the non-Austronesian languages from the Gazelle Peninsula region of New Britain, Papua New Guinea. — **Professor Randy LaPolla**, Chair of the Linguistics Program at the Faculty of the Humanities and Social Sciences, will continue as associate member of RCLT, working on the typology and historical and comparative studies of Tibeto-Burman languages, and editing the international refereed journal *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*.

PhD students

- **Rebecca Hanson** is in the final stages of her comprehensive reference grammar of Piro (Yine), an Arawak language from Peru.
- **Sheena Van Der Mark** is in the final stages of her comprehensive reference grammar of Vinitiri, a previously undescribed Austronesian language from East New Britain, Papua New Guinea.
- **Simon Overall** is finalising a comprehensive grammar of Aguaruna, a Jivaroan language from Peru.
- **Mark Post** is finalising a comprehensive grammar of Lare Galo, a previously undescribed Tibeto-Burman language from India, and a reconstruction of Proto-Galo and Proto-Tani lexical roots and morphosyntax.
- **Seino Van Breugel** is working on a comprehensive grammar of Atong, a previously undescribed Tibeto-Burman language from India.
- **Rik De Busser** is working on a comprehensive grammar of Bunun, a poorly known Austronesian language from Taiwan.
- **Raoul Zamponi** is working on a comprehensive grammar of Cuna, a Chibchan language from Panama.
- **Jingyi Du** is working on a comprehensive grammar of Barok, a previously undescribed Oceanic language from New Ireland, Papua New Guinea.
- **Friedel Frowein** (from Wuppertal) will commence his PhD course in June 2007. He is planning to work on a comprehensive grammar of a previously undescribed language from New Guinea.
- **Roberto Zariquiey Biondi** (from Lima) will commence his PhD course in July 2007. He is planning to work on a comprehensive grammar of Cashibo, a poorly documented Panoan language from Peru.

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 oriented 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 for 2007

Local Typology Workshop

A local Workshop on **Word-class-changing derivations in typological perspective** will meet fortnightly, on Wednesdays from 4.00 - 5.30 p.m., commencing on 14 March 2007. At the first meeting, Alexandra Aikhenvald will present a position paper detailing semantic types of word-class-changing derivations, 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 word-class-changing derivations in a language on 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 2007

Following on from our successful workshops at the ANU in 1997 and in 1998 and at La Trobe in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005, we shall be holding the next International Workshop on **The Semantics of Clause Linking**, from Monday 13 until Saturday 18 August 2007. Auditors are welcome, at no fee (but note that we are unable to organise accommodation for auditors). A hard copy of the position paper for the workshop, by R. M. W. Dixon, will be sent on request. The provisional program is as follows:

Monday 13 August, in the Michael J. Osborne Centre, Institute for Advanced Study Seminar Room, Main Drive, Bundoora

- 9.00 R. M. W. Dixon (RCLT), *Boumaa Fijian* (Oceanic branch of Austronesian family)
 10.30 coffee
 11.00 Frank Lichtenberk (University of Auckland), *Toqabaqita* (Oceanic branch of Austronesian family, Solomon Islands)
 12.30 lunch
 2.00 Tonya Stebbins (La Trobe University), *Mali* (Baining family, Papua New Guinea)
 3.30 coffee
 4.00 Alan Dench (University of Western Australia), *Martuthunira* (Australian linguistic area)
 5.30 finish

Tuesday 14 August, in the Michael J. Osborne Centre, Institute for Advanced Study Seminar Room, Main Drive, Bundoora

- 9.00 Maarten Mous (Leiden University), *Konso* (Cushitic branch of Afroasiatic family, Ethiopia)

- 10.30 coffee
 11.00 Birgit Hellwig (RCLT), *Goemai* (Chadic branch of Afroasiatic family, Nigeria)
 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Guy Deutscher (Leiden University), *Akkadian* (Semitic branch of Afroasiatic family)
 3.30 coffee
 4.00 Ho-Minh Sohn (University of Hawai'i at Manoa), *Korean*
 5.30 finish

Wednesday 15 August — free day

Thursday 16 August, in the Michael J. Osborne Centre, Institute for Advanced Study Seminar Room, Main Drive, Bundoora

- 9.00 Alexandra Aikhenvald (RCLT), *Manambu* (Ndu family, Papua New Guinea)
 10.30 coffee
 11.00 Simon Overall (RCLT), *Aguaruna* (Jivaroan family, Peru)
 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Lev Michael (University of Texas), *Iquito* (Zaparoan family, Peru)
 3.30 coffee
 4.00 J Randolph Valentine (University of Wisconsin-Madison), *Nishnaabemwin* (or Ojibwe, Algonquian family)
 5.30 finish

Friday 17 August, La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen Street)

- 9.00 Mark Post (RCLT), *Galo* (Tani subgroup of Tibeto-Burman family, India)
 10.30 coffee
 11.00 David Watters (University of Kathmandu), *Kham* (Tibeto-Burman family, Nepal)
 12.30 lunch
- 2.00 Yaron Matras (University of Manchester), *Romani* (Indic subgroup of Indo-European family)
 3.30 coffee
 4.00 Group discussion
 5.00 finish

Saturday 18 August, La Trobe City Campus (215 Franklin Street, corner of Queen Street)

- 9.30 Alexandra Aikhenvald (RCLT), Summing up
 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 1,640 volumes.

We are grateful to scholars who donated books this past year: Sasha Aikhenvald, Eithne Carlin, Gerrit Dimmendaal, Bob Dixon, David Holm, Gerd Jendraschek, Yolanda Lastra, Maarten Mous, David Watters, and Ghil'ad Zuckermann. 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.

RCLT Advisory Board

The Advisory Board met on Friday 21 July and Tuesday 12 December 2006. It has the following membership:

Professor R. M. W. Dixon, Director (Chair)
 Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald, Associate Director
 Professor Erich Weigold, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
 Professor Randy LaPolla, Chair, Linguistics Program
 Professor Michael Osborne, Foundation Distinguished Professor (Emeritus)
 Professor Peter Dyson, Physics Department
 Associate Professor John Hajek, French, Italian and Spanish Studies,
 University of Melbourne
 Professor Kate Burridge, Chair, Linguistics Program, Monash University

Report on RCLT's activities during 2006

At the university degree ceremony on 29 April 2006, **Professor Aikhenvald** received a rarely-awarded higher doctorate. Her **Doctor of Letters** was based on external examination of four monographs and 14 scholarly papers, which the examiners judged to be work exhibiting the highest standards of scholarship.

In 2003, Vice-Chancellor Michael Osborne instituted an annual event whereby, at a special ceremony, a leading world linguist is awarded the degree of **Doctor of Letters (honoris causa)** after which they deliver a public lecture. The fourth

honorand was **Professor Brian Joseph** (Ohio State University), a leading expert on historical and comparative linguistics, Indo-European languages and Greek studies. On 9 August 2006, he was presented with the Honorary Degree and delivered a most well-received public lecture entitled 'Life lessons from historical linguistics: Language change and the time dimension'.

Three **PhD theses** were approved during the year. **Josephine Daguman's** 'A grammar of Northern Subanen' (an Austronesian language spoken in Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines; 660 pages) was praised by the examiners for its depth of argumentation and wealth of data. **Stefan Dienst's** 'A reference grammar of Kulina' (330 pages) was also unanimously approved by its examiners. Dr. Dienst has been appointed Research Fellow at RCLT for an 18-month period. In December, 'A grammar of Araona, a Tacana language from Bolivia' by **Carola Emkow** (725 pages) was approved by all three examiners.

Three volumes emanating from International Workshops happened to be published within this one year, all from Oxford University Press. **Serial verb constructions: a cross-linguistic typology**, from the 2003 workshop, came out in January, **Complementation: a cross-linguistic typology**, from the 2004 workshop, followed in June, and **Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic typology**, from the 2005 workshop, was published in mid-December.

A **Local Workshop on The semantics of clause linking** met from 4 until 5.30 on Wednesdays about every two weeks from 15 February till 15 November. At the first meeting, Professor Dixon presented a position paper, setting out a scheme in terms of which non-embedded clause linking can be described and explained. This was followed by 30-minute presentations on 33 languages from a total of 30 scholars. The final meeting consolidated and summed up analyses provided and conclusions reached.

Our two applications to the Australian Research Council were both successful. A **Discovery Project** from Dixon and Aikhenvald titled 'Are some languages better than others?' was funded to the tune of \$371,000 for 2007-2010. And an **International Linkage Fellowship** for Aikhenvald, Dixon and Professor Yaron Matras (from the University of Manchester), titled 'Development of mechanisms for understanding language contact and cross-cultural communication' received \$83,300.

A **celebratory dinner** was held on 8th December to mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Research Centre. This was attended by members of RCLT and by many friends, including the Chancellor, Mrs Sylvia Walton, AO; Chair of the Academic Board, Professor Roger Parish; University Librarian, Professor Earle Gow and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Julie Jackson. The Director and Associate

Director provided a brief historical outline, and offered thanks to the many administrators and academics in La Trobe, together with colleagues in other Melbourne universities, who have contributed to our success. Guest of honour, **Professor Michael Osborne**, then gave a witty and illuminating response before launching the new edition of *Australian Aboriginal words in English, their origin and meaning*.

A further highlight of the year was publication of *A grammar of Urarina*, by Knut Olawsky, member of RCLT in 2000-5 (*Mouton de Gruyter*, 943 pages).

RCLT was instrumental in the establishment of a **bilateral agreement** between La Trobe University and the Department of Linguistics at the **University of Khartoum** (under the leadership of Professor Abdel Rahim Mugadam). Our Research Fellow Dr. Birgit Hellwig is currently undertaking intensive fieldwork in the Sudan, in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics at the University of Khartoum.

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.

In addition to the Workshop, we had regular **seminars**, presented by all members of the Centre, and also by Dr. Alice Gaby (University of Melbourne and now University of California at Berkeley) and Dr. Sander Adelaar (University of Melbourne).

Members' achievements

The major achievement this year for **Professor Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald** was the completion of a comprehensive theoretically-based grammar of Manambu, a language from the Ndu family in the Sepik region of Papua New Guinea. The 1200 page typescript, which was submitted to the publisher in November, is based on immersion fieldwork in the village of Avatip, and is written with the assistance of language speakers Pauline Laki and Yuamali Jacklyn Benji Ala. Manambu presents challenges for students of contact-induced change, especially in comparison with other languages of the Ndu family (one of these, Iatmul, is currently being investigated by Dr. Gerd Jendraschek, a Research Fellow at RCLT). Aikhenvald also has in preparation a lengthy paper on 'Reconstruction of Proto-Ndu'.

Two earlier monograph volumes have this year been reissued in paperback: *Evidentiality* (Oxford UP, hardback in 2004), and *A grammar of Tariana, from northwest Amazonia* (Cambridge UP, hardback in 2003). She has a contract with OUP for a further monograph on a grammatical category — *Imperatives and commands*, to be completed by the end of 2007.

Work on South American languages also continues apace. In April she undertook research in Leiden in collaboration with Professor Willem Adelaar, working on the earliest documentation of Tariana, Baniwa, Warekena and other North Arawak languages by the zoologist Johann Natterer in the 1830s. In October she undertook a field trip to the Fiji Islands, investigating the language contact situation within a multilingual and multidialectal community.

During the year, she also published and prepared for publication papers on areal diffusion and genesis of imperatives, language endangerment, multilingualism, classifiers in Baniwa of Içana, areal diffusion in the Vaupés, genders and noun classes in Paumarí, versatile case and causatives.

Aikhenvald is (i) consulting editor, *Studies in Language*, a leading journal in typology; (ii) guest Editor for two special issues of *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung*, (iii) co-editor of the series *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press; (iv) member of editorial boards for journals *Studia Linguistica*, *Journal of Linguistic Diversity*, *Language Documentation and Conservation*, and *Language Compass*, and book series *Structural and Functional Linguistics* (John Benjamins, Amsterdam);

Besides contributing to our various workshops, Aikhenvald collaborated with Dixon in seminars on 'Grammatical categories' and on 'Fieldwork techniques' for Research Fellows and PhD students at RCLT. She was primary supervisor for four PhD students and four Research Fellows.

She has been invited to deliver a plenary address, on 'Multilingual fieldwork and emergent grammars', to the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society, in February 2007. In conjunction with this, she will spend time at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, presenting a colloquium on 'Causatives that don't cause'.

The primary focus of **Professor R. M. W. Dixon's** endeavour this year has been a comprehensive monograph on *Basic Linguistic Theory*. The nine chapters of Part I 'Methodology' (140,000 words) have now been completed and are being circulated to colleagues for critical comment. Meanwhile, work is progressing on the 22 chapters in Part II 'Grammatical topics'.

Dixon has also devoted attention to the questions of derivations between word classes in English. Complementing the lengthy chapter on nominalisations in the second edition of *A semantic approach to English grammar* (Oxford UP 2005), he produced in-depth studies on 'Deriving adjectives in English', 'Deriving negative words in English' and 'Deriving verbs in English'. Two further papers —

'The articles in English' and 'Clitics in English' — were also completed, and accepted for publication.

The RCLT Local Workshop during 2006, organised by Dixon, dealt with 'The semantics of clause linking'. This was an experimental venture, treating a topic which is seldom dealt with exhaustively in published grammars. The quality of presentations was such that the same topic will serve for RCLT's Ninth International Workshop, in August 2007. The initial position paper, written in February 2006, was drastically rewritten and extended in light of contributions during the Local Workshop.

During a field trip to Waitabu village, on Taveuni Island in Fiji (after a 17-year gap), Dixon was able to pursue further study of critical topics in the grammar of Boumaa Fijian, including verbal modifiers, disjunction, and mechanisms for clause linking.

Dixon also continued work on the Dyirbal language of North Queensland, assessing and analysing texts and working towards the production of a comprehensive thesaurus/dictionary. And he saw through to press the second (revised and enlarged) edition of *Australian Aboriginal words in English, their origin and meaning* (Oxford UP, Melbourne).

He shares with Aikhenvald supervisory roles for PhD students and for Post-doctoral Research fellows, and joins with her in conducting internal seminar series on 'Grammatical categories' and on 'Fieldwork techniques'. Also, he continues on editorial boards for the journal *Anthropological Linguistics* and the monograph series *Typological Studies in Language*.

In January, the Linguistic Society of America presented Dixon (in absentia) with its Leonard Bloomfield Award, judging *The Jarawara language of southern Amazonia* (Oxford UP, 2005) to be the best book published worldwide across all areas of linguistics over a two-year period. Edward Vajda's review of this book, in the journal *Word*, concludes: 'A fundamental grammatical description of this sort — complete with glossed texts, dictionary materials, a wealth of diachronic insights, and authoritative social and cultural information about the speakers — might be expected to constitute the crowning achievement in a lifetime of successful effort. For this author, however, it is merely another in a long roster of outstanding linguistic accomplishments that promise to continue unabated.'

Professor Kate Burridge, of Monash University, a leading expert on historical linguistics, Germanic languages (with a special focus on Pennsylvania German), and English, spent her sabbatical at RCLT between 1 January and 30 June, working on Modern English and various issues in the grammar of Pennsylvania German. She was also working on her new monograph, *Further observations on the tangled history of the English language*.

Dr. Eithne Carlin, of Leiden University, an expert on Carib and Arawak languages of Surinam and Guyana, was at RCLT between March and June 2006

working on a grammar of Mawayana, a moribund Arawak language spoken in Suriname, and on various issues in the grammar of Trio, a Carib language of Suriname.

Professor Gerrit Dimmendaal, of University of Cologne, a leading expert on Nilo-Saharan languages and African languages in general, was an IAS Distinguished Visiting Fellow between 28 December 2005 and 4 April 2006. He completed a manuscript with the preliminary title *Historical linguistics and the comparative study of African languages* (329 pages). He also completed the editorial work on *Coding participant marking: construction types in twelve African languages* (to appear with John Benjamins, Amsterdam). And he worked on endangered languages of Africa, presenting a public lecture for the IAS on 'The role of language study in an African context: the case of Sudan (past and present)'.

Professor Spike Gildea, of the University of Oregon, who works on historical and synchronic studies of Carib languages of South America, and in the area of syntactic typology, was at RCLT from mid-August until December. He was writing a monograph on the evolution of tense-based split ergativity, and on ergativity in Akawaio, a Carib language spoken in Guyana.

Professor John Hajek, of the University of Melbourne, an Honorary Visiting Fellow, worked productively on the languages of East Timor, such as Tetum and Waima'a, covering a range of topics including grammatical description, phonetics, language contact, development and endangerment. He also continued his work on questions of phonological description and typology in the Asia-Pacific region.

Professor David Holm, of the University of Melbourne, a leading expert on Chinese and Zhuang linguistics, was at RCLT between August 2006 and March 2007, working on the Zhuang Tai language spoken by a population of around 18 million in South China, with a special focus on traditional oral and written texts in two major dialects of Zhuang.

Dr. Nerida Jarkey, of Sydney University, an expert on Japanese and Miao-Yao languages, was at RCLT between November 2006 and February 2007. She was working primarily on White Hmong, a Miao-Yao language of Mainland Southeast Asia, with a special focus on serial verb constructions and the 'Disposal Construction' in White Hmong. She also completed four chapters towards a collaborative publication entitled *Modern Japanese grammar: a practical guide*, to be published in the *Routledge Modern Grammars* series.

Professor Brian Joseph, of the Ohio State University, a leading expert on historical and comparative linguistics, Indo-European languages and Greek

studies, was a Special Visiting Fellow (sponsored by the Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University) in July-August giving a public lecture when he was awarded a Degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*), and a series of lectures on various issues in Greek and Indo-European linguistics. He also consulted with linguistic colleagues and continued his work on Modern Greek, and on the Balkan languages.

Dr. Frank Lichtenberk, of the University of Auckland, a major authority on Austronesian languages and syntactic typology and historical linguistics, was at RCLT from February to late July. He finalised his comprehensive grammar of Toqabaqita (an Oceanic language from the Solomon islands), and completed the final version of a Toqabaqita-English dictionary, in addition to working on a variety of other issues, including subject incorporation in Toqabaqita and other Oceanic languages.

Professor Maarten Mous, of Leiden University, was at RCLT from March to July 2006. He was working on various aspects of Cushitic and Omotic languages, and also on an evidential adverb in Iraqw, on the middle and passive derivation in Konso and on valency-changing derivations and argument structure in Seereer. He also investigated typological features of Cushitic languages in general.

Dr. Masahiko Nose, of the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies was an Honorary Visiting Fellow at RCLT from September to December, working on case systems in Finno-Ugric and other languages.

Dr. Tonya Stebbins, an Associate Fellow at RCLT throughout the year, has recently completed a draft of the Mali grammar, and continues to prepare a collection of texts and a dictionary for the language. An edited volume of stories designed to support language maintenance activities in the community, co-edited with Mali speaker Julius Tayul, was published this year (with a financial subsidy from La Trobe University).

Dr. David Watters, a member of SIL International and of the teaching staff at Tribhuvan University at Kathmandu, Nepal, and a leading expert on Tibeto-Burman languages was at RCLT between January and March. He was working on a comparative study of Kiranti languages, and Himalayish languages in general, with a special focus on hierarchical person marking, serial verbs, and nominalisations.

Dr. Rosemary Beam de Azcona continued working on a grammar of Miahuatec Zapotec undertaking historical and comparative studies on Southern Zapotec languages. She completed the revisions of her grammar of Coatec Zapotec, and did intensive work on reconstructing tones in Southern Zapotec.

Dr. David Fleck undertook a three-month fieldtrip to Peru and Brazil to research Matses and other Panoan languages. He has spent most of his time at RCLT working on a monograph about the Mayoruna subgroup of the Panoan family and on several articles on Matses and Panoan linguistics.

Dr. Birgit Hellwig commenced her three-year La Trobe Post-doctoral Research Fellowship. She has completed, and submitted for publication, her grammar of Goemai, a Chadic language of Nigeria. She has now started investigating Katla and Julud, two closely related Kordofanian languages of the Sudan. She conducted a five-month fieldtrip, and is currently working on the grammatical description of these two languages.

Dr. Catriona Hyslop spent 2006 finalising her descriptive grammar of the Vurës language of Vanuatu, and undertaking further fieldwork and linguistic analysis. She completed her two-year Post-doctoral Fellowship at RCLT financed by the Endangered Languages Documentation Programme. She was awarded a grant by Documentation of Endangered Languages Program (DoBeS) funded by Volkswagen Foundation, to work on 'Documentation of Vurës and Vera's, the two surviving endangered languages of Vanua Lava, Vanuatu', and obtained a post of Lecturer at the Pacific Languages Unit, University of South Pacific in Vanuatu.

Dr. Oliver Iggesen completed study of the literature on Panoan languages and spent nine months conducting fieldwork on Chacobo, one of the few Panoan languages spoken in Bolivia. He continues his work on a reference grammar of Chacobo.

Dr. Gerd Jendraschek conducted lengthy fieldwork on Iatmul (Nyaula, Palibei and Maligwat dialects), a Ndu language from the Sepik area of New Guinea. He continues his work on a comprehensive grammar of this language.

Dr. Renée Lambert-Brétière commenced intensive fieldwork on Kwoma (Washkuk), a language of the Kwoma-Nukuma family from East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea, and was collecting materials towards a comprehensive grammar of this language.

Dr. Stephen Morey spent four months in the field in Northeast India investigating the Turung and Singpho Languages. He has completed a draft *Turung grammar* that is to be revised in India at the end of 2006. He was co-convenor of the first meeting of the North East Indian Linguistics Society in Guwahati, Assam and together with Mark Post is joint editor of the proceedings.

Dr. Ghil'ad Zuckermann spent the final year of his La Trobe University Postdoctoral Fellowship working on his analysis of the genesis of Modern Hebrew

and the role of Yiddish substratum. He was awarded an ARC Research Fellowship, to be taken up at the University of Queensland.

Seino van Breugel (PhD student at RCLT) is working on a comprehensive grammar of Atong, a previously undescribed Tibeto-Burman language from northeastern India, undertaking a lengthy fieldtrip and investigating other languages and dialects in the area. He presented a number of papers on Atong at meetings of scholars of the Tibeto-Burman area at various venues.

Rik De Busser (PhD student at RCLT) is currently writing a grammar of the Takivatan dialect of Bunun (Austronesian, Taiwan). From October 2005 to August 2006, he was in Taiwan on his first fieldtrip. In March, he presented some preliminary results of his work at a seminar at the University of Hong Kong.

Jingyi Du (PhD student at RCLT) started working on a comprehensive grammar of Barok, a previously undescribed Oceanic language from New Ireland, Papua New Guinea.

Rebecca Hanson (PhD student at RCLT) is finalising a comprehensive reference grammar of Piro (Yine), an Arawak language.

Sheena van der Mark (PhD student at RCLT) is finalising a comprehensive grammar of Vinitiri (Minigir), an Austronesian language spoken in East New Britain.

Simon Overall (PhD student at RCLT) is finalising his comprehensive grammar of Aguaruna (Jívaro), a language from Peru, in addition to a number of typological projects. He is also investigating the data on other languages from this family.

Mark Post (PhD student at RCLT) is in the final stages of a comprehensive grammar of Lare Galo, a previously undescribed language from the Western Tani subgroup of Tibeto-Burman. He co-organised the First International Meeting of the North East Indian Linguistic Society. This was followed by four months of fieldwork; during this time he also attended the Spring School at MPI Leipzig. He has also been working on various issues in the reconstruction of Proto-Tani.

Raoul Zamponi (PhD student at RCLT) is working on a comprehensive grammar of Cuna, a Chibchan language from Panama, undertaking a lengthy fieldtrip and investigating the dialect variation.

Jessica Cleary-Kemp who replaced **Rosie Purnell** in October 2006 is working to great advantage as an absolutely first-rate publication assistant.

Outside lectures

All members of RCLT gave one or more seminars and/or workshop presentations in the Research Centre. In addition, Aikhenvald, Beam de Azcona, Van Breugel, Carlin, De Busser, Dienst, Dimmendaal, Fleck, Hellwig, Iggesen, Jendraschek, Morey, Mous, Post, and Zuckermann gave a wide selection of lectures and conference presentations at a wide range of universities, in Australia and overseas.

Volumes from past International Workshops and other major publications

The volume *Serial verb constructions: a cross-linguistic typology*, edited by Aikhenvald and Dixon, was published by Oxford University Press as the second volume in the series, *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, in January 2006. After the introductory chapter, 'Serial verb constructions in typological perspective', by Aikhenvald, there are the following chapters: 'On serial verb constructions in Cantonese', by Stephen Matthews; 'Serial verb constructions in Goemai', by Birgit Hellwig; 'Serial verb constructions in Khwe (Central-Khoisan)', by Christa Kilian-Hatz; 'Ewe serial verb constructions in their grammatical context', by Felix K. Ameka; 'Verb serialization in Eastern Kayah Li', by David B. Solnit; 'Thai serial verbs: cohesion and culture', by A. V. N. Diller; 'Serial verb constructions in Tariana', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald; 'Serial verb constructions in Dumo' by Andrew Ingram; 'Serial verb constructions in Mwotlap', by Alexandre François; 'Serial verbs in Tetun Dili', by John Hajek; 'Serial verb constructions in Toqabaqita', by Frantisek Lichtenberk; 'Serial verbs in Olutec (Mixean)', by Roberto Zavala; 'Serial verbs in Lakota (Siouan)', by Willem J. de Reuse; 'Verbal compounding in Wolaitta', by Azeb Amha and Gerrit J. Dimmendaal; and 'Serial verb constructions: conspectus and coda', by Dixon. Hardback sales have been excellent, and the volume will be re-issued in paperback during 2007.

The volume *Complement clauses and complementation strategies: a cross-linguistic typology*, edited by Dixon and Aikhenvald, was published by Oxford University Press as the third volume in the series, *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, in June 2006. After the introductory chapter, 'Complement clauses and complementation strategies in typological perspective', by R. M. W. Dixon, there are the following chapters: 'Complement clause types in Pennsylvania German', by Kate Burridge; 'Complement clause types in Israeli', by Ghil'ad Zuckermann; 'Complement clause type and complementation strategy in Jarawara', by R. M. W. Dixon; 'Complement clause types and complementation strategy in White Hmong',

by Nerida Jarkey; 'Complement clause types and complementation strategy in Dolakha Newar', by Carol Genetti; 'Complement clause types and complementation strategies in Akkadian', by Guy Deutscher; 'Complement clause types and complementation strategies in Tariana', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald; 'Complement clause type and complementation strategies in Goemai', by Birgit Hellwig; 'Complement clause type and complementation strategies in Matses', by David Fleck; 'Complement clause type and complementation strategy in Kambera', by Marian Klamer; and 'Complementation strategies in Dyirbal', by R. M. W. Dixon.

The volume *Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic typology*, edited by Aikhenvald and Dixon has been published by Oxford University Press as the fourth volume in the series, *Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, in December 2006. The introductory chapter, 'Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic perspective', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald is followed by twelve chapters: 'Grammatical diffusion in Australia: free and bound pronouns', by R. M. W. Dixon; 'How long do linguistic areas last? Western Nilotic grammars in contact', by Anne Storch; 'Grammars in contact in the Volta Basin (West Africa): on contact induced grammatical change in Likpe', by Felix Ameka; 'Basque in contact with Romance languages', by Gerd Jendraschek; 'Language contact and convergence in East Timor: the case of Tetun Dili', by John Hajek; 'Language contact and convergence in Pennsylvania German', by Kate Burridge; 'Balkanizing the Balkan sprachbund: a closer look at grammatical permeability and feature distribution', by Victor A. Friedman; 'Cantonese grammar in areal perspective', by Stephen Matthews; 'Semantics and pragmatics of grammatical relations in the Vaupés linguistic area', by Alexandra Y. Aikhenvald; 'The Vaupés melting pot: Tukanoan influence on Hup', by Patience Epps; 'The Quechua impact in Amuesha, an Arawak language of the Peruvian Amazon', by Willem F. H. Adelaar; and 'Feeling the need: the borrowing of Cariban functional categories into Mawayana (Arawak)', by Eithne B. Carlin. The volume concludes with a comprehensive Glossary of terms.

Three of our earlier volumes were re-issued in paperback during 2006. Two are from Oxford University Press — *Areal diffusion and genetic relationship, problems in comparative linguistics*, edited by Aikhenvald and Dixon (hardback in 2001, from the 1998 International Workshop) and *Adjectives classes, a cross-linguistic typology*, edited by Dixon and Aikhenvald (hardback in 2004, from the 2002 International Workshop). The third is from Cambridge University Press — *The Amazonian languages*, edited by Dixon and Aikhenvald (hardback in 1999).

Aikhenvald has edited a special issue *Linguistic fieldwork* for the journal *Language Typology and Universals (Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung)* (forthcoming as first issue of volume 60 in February 2007; 94 pp). The volume

starts with an introductory paper by Aikhenvald, 'Linguistic fieldwork: setting the scene' outlining the major problems and misconceptions concerning documentation of languages and fieldwork methodology. Dixon's 'Fieldwork: a minor manual' provides comprehensive overview of linguistic fieldwork, its motivations, and what it involves. This is followed by Kate Burridge's 'A separate and peculiar people — fieldwork and the Pennsylvania Germans'; Marianne Mithun's 'What is a language? Documentation for diverse and evolving audiences'; Bh. Krishnamurti's 'Fieldwork on Konda, a Dravidian language', Birgit Hellwig's 'Fieldwork among the Goemai in Nigeria: discovering the grammar of property expressions'; and David Fleck's 'Field linguistics meets biology: how to obtain scientific designations for plant and animal names'.

Aikhenvald's monograph *Classifiers: a typology of noun categorization devices* (2000, paperback reissue 2003, Oxford University Press) was praised in Thomas Stolz's review (*Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung* 59: 304-5): 'the book is a real treasure island not only for typologists and linguists who take an interest in classification but also for scholars with a research focus on semantics, grammaticalization, and anthropological or ethno-linguistics'.

Aikhenvald's monograph *Evidentiality* (2004, paperback reissue 2006, Oxford University Press) was lauded by Heiko Narrog (*SKY Journal of Linguistics* 18 (2005): 379-88) as the 'first high profile monograph on the topic' which 'marks a major advance in the study of evidentiality'. Margaret Speas (*Lingua*, forthcoming) states that it is 'certainly the most important current resource for anyone interested in the nature and typology of evidentials'. For Edward Vajda (*Word*, forthcoming), 'this is a truly superb example of a cross-linguistic study of grammatical category', which 'accurately and lucidly summarizes all the previous investigations of the topic' and 'manages to be authoritative without exaggerating the completeness of the data on which it is based'.

In her review of Aikhenvald's *Language contact in Amazonia* (Oxford University Press, 2002) Kristine Stenzel (*IJAL* 71: 505-7) praises it as 'an intriguing study of one of the world's most interesting and complex language situations'. According to George Hutter (*Language*, forthcoming), this book 'succeeds well' in its attempt to provide a systematic analysis of contact-induced change. According to Edward Vajda (*Word*, forthcoming), this book 'greatly expands our understanding of the type of effects that prolonged contact can produce in genetically unrelated languages linked together in a pervasive environment of linguistic exogamy', and will be 'one of the essential resources in language-contact literature'.

Edward Vajda, the reviewer of Aikhenvald's *A grammar of Tariana* (Cambridge University Press, 2003, paperback reissue 2006), considers this a 'superb treatment

of Tariana morphology', and an 'impressive volume' which 'achieved its own standard of excellence in both form and content and should inspire other linguists to document under-described languages while there is still time to do so'.

In his review of *Adjective classes: a cross-linguistic typology* (Oxford University Press, 2004), edited by Dixon and Aikhenvald, David Beck (*Functions of Language* 13: 111-18) states that 'the articles are of consistently high quality and the range of language types represented, like the calibre of researchers themselves, is impressive'. He continues: 'The fact remains that Dixon and Aikhenvald have produced a remarkable volume. The range and depth of the data provided by the individual authors on languages from so many linguistic groupings and geographic areas are impressive and of immeasurable value to anyone with an interest in parts of speech typology. Dixon's introduction to the volume is a masterful synthesis of a remarkable range of typological data, and he stakes out a controversial position in the forceful, erudite, and provocative manner that we have come to expect from him.' He concludes: 'This volume and the papers in it represent a major advance in parts of speech typology and will surely frame the debate on the nature of adjectives, and lexical classes, and their role in grammatical and typological theory for years to come'. Edward Vajda (*Word*, forthcoming) concurs: 'The editors of this book have provided a much-needed analytical framework for typologizing the key distinctions in how the adjective manifests itself as a part of speech'.

Word: a cross-linguistic typology (Cambridge University Press, 2001), edited by Dixon and Aikhenvald, is a 'well-edited volume, rich in content, and easily recommended for students and researchers alike' (C. Rice, *Language* 82: 941-2). According to François Jacquesson (*BSL*, Comptes Rendus 2005, Vol 1000: 49-51), the authors bring 'clarity' to the difficult and confusing issue of 'word'. Edward Vajda (*Word*, forthcoming) comments: 'This important study of the word as a linguistic concept...succeeds in sharpening the theoretical focus on one of the language's most obvious structural categories'.

According to David Golumbia (reviewer for *Language* 81: 459-60), *Urarina texts*, by Knut Olawsky, 'deserves wide attention', as 'a remarkably detailed grammatical analysis of many parts of the language of an otherwise almost undocumented society'. Raoul Zamponi *Maipure* is praised as 'a significant contribution to the study of Lowland South American languages' (Edward Vajda, *Language* 82: 963). *La modalité épistémique en basque*, by Gerd Jendraschek, is praised by Heiko Narrog (*Language* 81: 530-1).

In his highly positive review of Stephen Morey's *The Tai languages of Assam — a grammar and texts* (Pacific Linguistics, 2005) Mark Post (*Linguistics of the Tibeto Burman Area* 29: 141-52) concludes: 'All told, *The Tai Languages of Assam* is an extraordinary accomplishment. It will be an indispensable item for

Tai-Kadai scholars and indeed all Mainland South East Asianists, to specialists in grammaticalization and morphological typology, as well as any scholars with interest in the integration of corpora into the presentation of linguistic analysis. Most importantly however, it provides us with a new model for the description of endangered languages which, if widely emulated, should have a profound and lasting impact on their study and preservation.'

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 2006 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.

ALEXANDRA Y. AIKHENVALD

- 2006. *Evidentiality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 452+xxvii pp. Paperback edition with minor revisions.
- 2006. *A grammar of Tariana, from northwest Amazonia*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 719+xix. Paperback reissue.
- 2006. 'Serial verb constructions in a typological perspective', pp. 1-87 of *Serial verb constructions: a cross-linguistic typology (Explorations in Linguistic Typology, vol. 2)*, edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Serial verb constructions in Tariana', pp. 178-201 of *Serial verb constructions: a cross-linguistic typology (Explorations in Linguistic Typology, vol. 2)*, edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Reflections on language contact, areal diffusion, and mechanisms of linguistic change', pp. 23-36 of *Sprachbund in the West African Sahel*, edited by B. Caron and P. Zima. Louvain-Paris: Peeters.
- 2006. 'Classifiers and noun classes, semantics of', pp. 463-70 (article 1111) of Volume 1 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2006. 'Evidentiality in grammar', pp. 320-5 (article 0252) of Volume 4 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2006. 'Arawak languages', pp. 446-8 (article 2292) of Volume 1 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2006. 'Tariana', pp. 506-7 (article 4489) of Volume 12 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2006. 'Manambu' (with P. Laki), pp. 475-6 (article 4491) of Volume 7 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.

- 2006. 'Dixon, R. M. W.', pp. 737-8 (article 5157) of Volume 3 of *Encyclopedia of language and linguistics*, 2nd edition, edited by K. Brown. Oxford: Elsevier.
- 2006. 'Complement clauses and complementation strategies in Tariana', pp. 178-203 of *Complementation, a cross-linguistic typology (Explorations in Linguistic Typology, vol. 3)*, edited by R. M. W. Dixon and A. Y. Aikhenvald. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic perspective', pp. 1-66 of *Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic typology (Explorations in Linguistic Typology, vol. 4)*, edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Semantics and pragmatics of grammatical relations in the Vaupés linguistic area', pp. 237-66 of *Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic typology (Explorations in Linguistic Typology, vol. 4)*, edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2006. 'Areal diffusion, genetic inheritance and problems of subgrouping: a North Arawak case study', pp. 167-94 of *Areal diffusion and genetic inheritance: problems in comparative linguistics*, edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (First published 2001; paperback edition with revisions and corrections.)
- 2007. Editor of *Linguistic fieldwork*, Special issue of *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung (Language Typology and Universals)* 60, 1. 94pp.
- 2007. 'Languages of the Pacific Coast of South America', pp. 183-205 of *Vanishing languages of the Pacific*, edited by O. Miyaoka, O. Sakiyama and M. Krauss. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2007. 'Reciprocals and reflexives in North-Arawak languages of the Upper Rio Negro', pp. 845-55 of *Typology of reciprocals (TSL 71)*, edited by V. P. Nedialkov, E. Geniušienė and Z. Guentščeva. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. (Proofs checked in December 2006.)
- 2007. 'Reciprocal and sociative in Tariana: their genetic and areal properties', pp. 1-16 of *Typology of reciprocals (TSL 71)*, edited by V.P. Nedialkov, E. Geniušienė and Z. Guentščeva. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. (Proofs checked in December 2006.)
- 2007. 'Typological dimensions in word formation', in *Language typology and syntactic description*, edited by T. Shopen. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 110 ms pp.
- 2007. A. Y. Aikhenvald and T. Stebbins. 'Languages of Papua New Guinea', pp. 239-66 of *Vanishing languages of the Pacific*, edited by O. Miyaoka, O. Sakiyama and M. Krauss. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2007. 'Linguistic fieldwork: setting the scene', in *Linguistic fieldwork. A special issue of Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung* 60, 1: 1-11.
- 2007. 'Classifiers in multiple environments: Baniwa of Içana/Kurripako: a North Arawak perspective', accepted for a special issue of *International Journal of American Linguistics*, edited by D. Payne and F. Seifart, 45 ms pages (October 2007). Accepted in May 2005.
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- Forthcoming. 'Gender and noun class in Paumarí in a typological perspective', forthcoming in a *Festschrift*, edited by S. D. Obeng. Commissioned November 2005. (30 ms pages).
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- Forthcoming. 'Genesis of a category in language contact', to appear in *Language contact*, edited by R. Vossen and C. König. London: Curzon Press. Commissioned January 2003.
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- 2006. Editors of *Areal diffusion and genetic inheritance: problems in comparative linguistics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (First published 2001; pb edition with revisions and corrections.)

JOSÉ RAMÓN ÁLVAREZ GONZÁLEZ (member of RCLT in 2004)

- In Press. 'Presentación, transcripción y análisis morfológico del texto cumanagero de la Doctrina Christiana de Fray Antonio Caulín (Presentation, transcription, and morphological analysis of the Cumanagoto text of Doctrina Christiana by Fray Antonio Caulín)', to appear in *Opción*, Universidad del Zulia (Maracaibo, Venezuela).
- In Press. 'Análisis lingüístico del texto cumanagero del Rezo Cotidiano en Lengua Cumanagota de Fray Diego de Tapia (A linguistic analysis of Rezo Cotidiano en Lengua Cumanagota by Fray Diego de Tapia)', to appear in *Boletín de Lingüística*, Universidad Central de Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela).
- In Press. 'Estudio preliminar de la morfología y la sintaxis de la lengua cumanagero (A preliminary study of the morphology and syntax of the Cumanagoto language)', to appear in *Lingua Americana*, Universidad del Zulia (Maracaibo, Venezuela).

FELIX K. AMEKA (member of RCLT in 2005)

- 2006. 'Grammars in contact in the Volta Basin (West Africa): on contact induced grammatical change in Likpe', pp. 114-42 of *Grammars in contact: a cross-linguistic typology* (*Explorations in Linguistic Typology*, vol. 4), edited by A. Y. Aikhenvald and R. M. W. Dixon. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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PETER BAKKER (member of RCLT in 2005)

- 2006. 'Paul Ariste and the Romani language', pp. 27-40 of *Foneetika, Grammatika ja Leksika. Phonetics, Grammar and Lexis*, special issue of *Fenno-Ugristica* 27, edited by Piret Kesment. Tartu: Tartu Ülikool, Uurali Keelte õppetool/University of Tartu, Chair of Uralic Languages.
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- 2006. 'Algonquian verb structure: Plains Cree', in *What's in a verb?* (LOT Occasional Series 5), edited by Grazyna Rowicka & Eithne Carlin. Utrecht: LOT.
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- In Press. 'Un estudio comparativo de los tonos del zapoteco sureño', in *Memorias del Coloquio Francisco Belmar: las lenguas otomangués y oaxaqueñas ante el siglo XXI*, edited by A. deAvila, A. López Cruz, V. Marcial and M. Swanton. Oaxaca: Fondo Editorial IEEPO / INALI / Universidad Autónoma 'Benito Juárez' de Oaxaca / Fundación Alfredo Harp Helú.
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- In Press. 'Problems in Zapotec tone reconstruction', *Proceedings of BLS*.

SEINO VAN BREUGEL

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KATE BURRIDGE

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ANDREW BUTCHER [member of RCLT in 2003]

- In Press. 'Australian Aboriginal languages: consonant-salient phonologies and the "place-of-articulation imperative"', pp. 187-210 of *Towards a better understanding of speech production processes*, edited by J. M. Harrington and M. Tabain. New York: Psychology Press.
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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]

- In Press. 'Asserting nationhood through personal name choice: the case of the Meithei of Northeast India', *Anthropological Linguistics*. 80pp. ms.

BERNARD COMRIE (member of RCLT in 2004)

- In Press. 'Languages, genes, and prehistory, with special reference to Europe', to appear in *Origin and evolution of languages: approaches, models, paradigms*, edited by Bernard Laks, with Serge Cleuziou, Jean-Paul Demoule and Pierre Encrevé. London: Equinox.

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