

Towards Proto-Niger-Congo: Comparison and Reconstruction

International Congress

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LLACAN, Paris, 18-21 September 2012

2nd Call for Papers

We invite all colleagues working in the field of Niger-Congo comparative and historical linguistics to submit topics and abstracts for their presentations at the Congress.

The aim of the Congress is to forward the reconstruction of the proto-languages of the Niger-Congo constituent families and, eventually, of the Proto-Niger-Congo language. Data-based communications suggesting proto-language reconstructions (phonological, morphological, lexical, syntactical, semantic...) of various chronological levels or concrete steps toward such reconstructions are especially welcome.

Topics and abstracts should be directed to the Organising Committee (mail@nigercongo.com, vydrine@gmail.com). Abstracts should not exceed 1,000 words (exclusive of data and references). Presentations will be 20 minutes plus 10 minutes discussion.

The Organizing Committee will be looking for possibility to cover travel and accommodation expenditures of some participants (according to the results of selection by the Scientific Committee). Further important details concerning abstract submission are available on the Congress website. Please make sure that you consult these before submitting an abstract: <http://www.nigercongo.com/stylesheet.pdf>, <http://llacan.vjf.cnrs.fr/fichiers/nigercongo>.

Taking into account the fact that results of a serious comparative work are hard to display in a 1,000-words abstract, we invite colleagues to send their files containing comparative data for the posting on the site of the Niger-Congo Congress. It will facilitate the discussion among specialists during the months preceding the Congress and at the Congress.

A publication of the Proceedings of the Congress is planned.

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of topics: 1 March 2012

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 1 April 2012

Notification of acceptance: 15 May 2012

Program announced: 1 June 2012

Congress dates: 18-21 September 2012

Please distribute among interested colleagues.

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