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Internal and External Factors in Linguistic Stability and Language Change

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Fourth (Post-conference) Circular

Dear Colleagues,

It was a great pleasure for us to have all of you in Uppsala for LMEC 6. This fourth circular contains information on two important aspects of the conference series. It is e-mailed to those who participated in LMEC 6; it is also available on the conference website.

The Venue for the Next Conference in the Series

At the business meeting, the following procedure was agreed upon:

- Parties interested in hosting the next conference should send a PDF version of a slideshow outlining their bid to the conference e-mail address (lmec6@engelska.uu.se) no later than 15 September.
- We will upload the slideshows to the conference website. Everyone who took part in LMEC 6 will then be able to participate in an online vote to decide where the next conference should be held. Further instructions on how to vote will be uploaded to the conference website together with the slideshows. Delegates will be given one week to compare the bids and vote. Then the result will be announced on the conference website.

In addition, please note the following:

- While the conferences have typically taken place with three years between them, four years passed between the Bergamo (2013) and Uppsala (2017) conferences, owing to 2016 being a very heavy conference year in the field already. Please specify in your bid when you propose that the next conference should be arranged.
- Only those who registered for LMEC 6 will be given a vote, since the online voting should resemble the vote that would have taken

place at the business meeting. However, bids for the next conference can be submitted by any interested scholars, irrespective of whether they took part in the sixth conference in Uppsala.

Publication Plans

As outlined during the conference, we tentatively envisage two outlets for conference proceedings: an edited volume that will focus on papers addressing the theme of the conference (“Internal and External Factors in Linguistic Stability and Language Change”) and a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal devoted to other conference papers. However, our plans are of course subject to change depending on the number of abstracts we receive and their content; we emphasize that we very much welcome the submission of abstracts regardless of whether or not they engage with the conference theme. Similarly, we would like to include published versions of plenaries as well as regular papers in the proceedings.

If you are interested in contributing to the proceedings, please submit an abstract for your intended article to the conference e-mail address (lmec6@engelska.uu.se) no later than 31 October. The abstract should include the author’s name and affiliation. The word count of the abstract should not exceed 500 words (not counting references). The abstract should clearly state the aim and research questions of the study, the material and method(s) used, important (preliminary or actual) results, and the contribution the article makes to the study of Late Modern English.

We will get back to those who submit abstracts around the end of November. At that time, we will also present our publication plans in more detail.

With best wishes,
Merja Kytö and Erik Smitterberg
Ewa Jonsson, Conference Secretary