

Dear LSSA member

Greetings. This is an overdue letter to wish you well over the Christmas holidays and a peaceful and successful 2010. We had a good conference in September; our thanks again to Chris Winburg and her team at C-PUT. For the first time the number of linguists was less than that of the applied linguists. Perhaps this was because it had been hosted by our sister organization SAALA. We did miss a number of our regulars, partly because the September dates did not suit everyone. We do understand that it isn't easy to get away from campus during term times; and unfortunately our Spring breaks don't coincide everywhere. There was less formal linguistics than I would have liked, so I hope to see more syntacticians, phoneticians, phonologists, semanticists, technologists, cognitivists and other naughty linguists next year. The executive and members approved of a conference at UNISA in 2010 to be held at a date to be advertised soon by the members there. It is expected to be in September in THEIR vacation, given that July is inadvisable because of the World Cup.

We'll meet at Rhodes in July 2011 (also ratified by the committee and members). As you know it was presidential election year last year. I stepped down after 8 years and a bit. The new president elected by the membership is *****BRITTA ZAWADA***** of UNISA. I am sure you will give her the full support that I have enjoyed these past two terms. The rest of the executive stays the same till next year, with Marne Pienaar as vice-president. I revert to being an ordinary exec member. A new board will be elected next year, except for president.

Happy holidays/ lekker bly/ salani kakuhle

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(P.S. Apologies if this letter only gets circulated after Christmas, as our webmistress might be wisely on leave).