

Dear Participants of our Conference!

I would like to draw your attention to the **11th International Congress of Finno-Ugric Studies** (CIFU11) to be held in Piliscsaba, Hungary, from the 09th to 14th August, 2010. The Congress will include either a half-day or a full-day symposium (depending on the number of participants) on the descriptive and historical typology of Uralic languages.

The symposium is planned to consist of two parts.

The first part will be devoted entirely to the issue of the Uralic Typology Database. Indeed, it is to be hoped that this project, which was inaugurated at the CIFU10 in Joshkar-Ola, will have, as a result of the upcoming conference and the input of subsequent months, effectively taken shape by the start of the congress in Piliscsaba in August 2010. The organiser of the symposium will ask those in charge of the project to give detailed information on its contents as well as its organisational and financial aspects, and to give recommendations for practical measures to initiate the international research work to be conducted within the project. All those present are invited to join the ensuing discussion with those linguists who took part in the preparation of the project and to raise questions and proffer recommendations and/or contributions. The goal is to make it possible for the practical work of building the database – which is likely to take years – to begin in earnest immediately after the Piliscsaba congress.

The second part of the symposium will be reserved for shorter or longer talks on any synchronic or diachronic aspect of the typological analysis of Uralic languages that have been offered to and accepted by the organisers of the CIFU11 itself (please note that I am just the host of the typology symposium, not the congress in its entirety). The detailed programme of this second part can obviously only be finalised after the submissions to the congress have arrived and been accepted. If the number of such submissions is too small, or if they are referred by the organisers to plenary sessions or other sections, the typological symposium will be confined to the first part as outlined above, and will thus only take half a working day of the congress.

I would like to induce you, participants of our Vienna Conference and primarily those committed to the fate of our database project, to **attend CIFU11** and in particular our symposium with or without the intention of delivering a paper. You can do this by filling in and submitting the registration form which can be downloaded from the CIFU website: <http://fu11.btk.ppke.hu/> (Documents). You should not be concerned about the deadline for registration: I have been assured by the organisers that registrations will be accepted for up to three weeks after the end of our present conference in Vienna.

Please do not hesitate to draw the attention of any colleagues, not present here, who are likely to be interested in our cause, to the information and details above.

Yours,



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