

GTM Workshop, Ho 2008

The workshop venue is the Bishop Konings Social Centre at Ho. (If you are travelling from Accra to Ho you will reach it before getting into the Ho township. It is after Sokode. It is behind the Ho Diocese Catholic Secretariat.) The registration desk will be open from about 3pm on 3rd August at the centre.

Please find attached to this message the list of participants and the titles of their presentations so far received. May I ask those who have not yet announced their participation and/or their titles to contact me as soon as possible and indicate whether or not they will be present in Ho and whether or not they would like to give presentations. And may I ask all those who have not yet sent me abstracts to do so by the first week of July at the latest so that I can prepare the abstracts booklet.

The Centre does not have facilities for photocopying, nor will it be possible for us to have overhead projectors or beamers. Could I ask every presenter to have informative and legible handouts of their talk. Please have at least 30 copies. It will be good if there is a short overview of the language being talked about at the beginning of each of the language specific presentations: how many speakers, the salient typological properties and any indications of language development activities, especially lexicographical work.

As announced, the plan of the time-table and activities of the workshop are as follows:
4-6 August

7.00 onwards: breakfast

8.00 4th August Opening of workshop

8.30 -12.30 Presentations (including 30 minutes snack break)

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30 -18.00 Presentations plus General discussion (including 30 minutes snack)

18.30 Dinner

The featured speakers slots will be about 90 minutes and the speakers would be expected to speak for about an hour with 30 minutes for discussion. At the moment with the number of presentations, we can allot each presentation an hour. We would expect presenters to speak for about 40-45 minutes leaving 15-20 minutes for discussion. If more presentations are announced we might have to adjust the time for some of the presentations. I will let you know if that becomes necessary. There will be a forum Tuesday afternoon on community lexicography. If any participant has any specific ideas to share, they should please contact me. Each day ends with a General discussion session.

7 August

Early breakfast

7.00-12.0 Excursion

12.30-13.30 Lunch at Logba

14.00 -16.00 Durbar and celebrations at Logba

Return to Ho by 18.00

18.30 Dinner

8 August: breakfast and departure

Some practical pieces of information about the accommodation: the Centre provides one bedsheet per bed, soap and a towel (as well as toilet roll). The rooms we will be using all have ceiling fans. Anybody who has some specific dietary needs should please let me know.

I will be arriving in Ghana at the end of this week. My telephone contacts in Ghana are provided at the bottom of this mail. I suggest that any e-mail contact with me after June 25th should be sent to at least two of my e-mail addresses.

I am looking forward very much to welcoming you all in Ho and I am confident that we are going to have an intellectually rewarding, stimulating and fun workshop.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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