

# ACBLPE Annual Conference

## First Call for Papers

**Campus CNRS de Villejuif, Paris, France, 1-3 July**

**Deadline: Sunday, 31 January 2010.**

The ACBLPE annual meeting will take place at the **CNRS Campus of Villejuif** in Paris, France, 1-3 July 2010.

Abstracts in any area of language contact involving Spanish and/or Portuguese are invited. This year, special emphasis will be given to:

- the teaching of Ibero-Romance-based creole languages
- developing links among the speakers of the different Ibero-Romance creoles
- non-European varieties of Spanish and Portuguese

### **A. Abstract: electronic format**

1. Authors must carefully follow the directions concerning the organization of the abstract, detailed in section B below.
2. The abstract (including examples) must comprise a minimum of 300 words and a maximum of 500 words. Please note the word count at the bottom of the abstract.
3. The abstract should be sent as an attachment in WORD or RTF format. If this is not possible, send the abstract to the postal address shown below.
4. At the top of the abstract, outside the typing area, put the title.
5. Your name should only appear in e-mail message carrying the attached abstract.
6. Special fonts: If your abstract uses any special fonts, there are three options:
  - i. In addition to the document in WORD or RTF format, you can send a PDF document.
  - ii. In the e-mail message, annex the special fonts that are required in your text.
  - iii. Send a paper copy to the address shown below.

7. When sending the email submission, please follow this format (use the numbering system given below):

1. Title of abstract:
2. Name:
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5. Status (faculty, student):
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Send abstracts to: Clancy Clements, [clements@indiana.edu](mailto:clements@indiana.edu). In the subject window, please write "ACBLPE 2010 Abstract" and your name. If you are unable to send an abstract in an electronic format, mail your abstract to:

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## **B. Organization of the abstract**

Many abstracts are rejected because they omit crucial information rather than because of errors in what they include. A suggested outline for abstracts is as follows:

1. Choose a title that clearly indicates the topic of the paper and is no more than one line long.
2. In the abstract, state the topic clearly.
3. Make reference to prior work on the topic.
4. When essential to the clarity of the argumentation, present linguistic data (with glosses). Explain abbreviations at their first occurrence.
5. If the paper presents the results of experiments, but collection of results is not yet complete, present the provisional results in detail. Also indicate the nature of the experimental design and the specific hypothesis tested.
6. State the relevance of your hypothesis to past work. Describe the analysis in as much detail as possible. Avoid vague or unsubstantiated statements.
7. State the contribution to linguistic research made by the analysis.
8. Citation of the relevant literature is essential within the abstract. However, the inclusion of a list of references at the end of the abstract is not obligatory.

**Abstracts will be assessed on the basis of the following three criteria:**

- 1. The relevance and significance of the proposed topic and/or the originality of the study.**
- 2. The argumentation (including the clarity of the argument and the results/conclusions).**
- 3. Knowledge of the relevant research literature and theory.**