

## Minutes of the ICAAL12 business meeting

Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand

October 25, 2024, 5:15 pm Thai time

Meeting chair: Paul Sidwell

Minutes: Tobias Weber

Attendees: 19 (in person) + 16 (online)

### 1. Statement of thanks

- Paul Sidwell expresses his gratitude to Ryan Gehrman and the Linguistics Department, International College, Payap University for hosting ICAAL12
- Ryan Gehrman acknowledges the efforts of the technical team and the department secretary to keep running everything smoothly behind the scenes

### 2. Venue for next year

- More people than in previous meetings have attended ICAAL12, the hybrid format of both in-person and online presentations turned out to be successful
- To host the next meeting (ICAAL13), Udon Thani Rajabhat University has been approached
- If Udon Thani is not able to host the meeting, other places, esp. in Thailand (e.g. Chiang Mai University) remain options
- Paul Sidwell suggests to continue with hybrid meetings as this went very smoothly, which Ryan Gehrman confirmed
- With the current number of in-person attendees, a single conference room is enough – and an advantage for the inclusion of online presentations
- Mathias Jenny remarks that the mixed format added value and more variety; it included scholars that otherwise might not have attended
- Paul Sidwell suggests to keep late October for future ICAAL meetings; advantages include the cooler and dryer weather in Mainland Southeast Asia
- Mathias Jenny agrees and adds that meetings later in November might be more difficult since at that time some universities in Thailand have their exam periods
- Ryan Gehrman suggests that if the goal is greater in-person attendance, holding the meetings earlier in the year might be beneficial
- Paul Sidwell and other attendees agree to keep late October for now

### 3. Publishing

- An edited volume in honor of Gérard Diffloth (1939–2023), less than a year after it was proposed at ICAAL11; this was possible due to the editorial efforts of Paul Sidwell and the good collaboration with the contributors and the Myanmar Center of Chiang Mai University, the publisher of the volume
- Paul Sidwell has agreed to take the initiative to edit a similar volume for the memory of Michel Ferlus (1935–2024); this project is already on the website (<https://icaal.net/projects/>)
- Contributors can be attendees of ICAAL12 and other scholars with connections to Michel Ferlus

- Contributions related to non-AA research related to Michel Ferlus' interests are also welcome
- Attendees of SEALS conferences should also be contacted for contributions to the volume
- Mathias Jenny is willing to assist in the editing
- The timeline should be similar to the one of the Gérard Diffloth volume: April 1, 2025 (first deadline of the first drafts), June 1 (last deadline of the first drafts), July 31 (last deadline of the last drafts), and after that corrections, editing and publishing by October 2025
- Unlike after some previous ICAAL meetings, an edited proceedings volume within JSEALS is not planned this time

#### 4. Website (icaal.net):

- The website is taken care of by Ryan Gehrman and Nathaniel Hiroz, who designed it nicely
- Ryan Gehrman remarks that they are open to new ideas as to how the website can be filled with more content; now it contains information about meetings, projects, and resources
- A compilation of published resources to make them more visible can also appear on the website
- Paul Sidwell is preparing a spreadsheet with the pAA lexicon for comments and discussions; this spreadsheet will be linked to the website; he will also make a contribution relating to northern AA languages; he encourages other people to share their data; for that, Paul himself, Ryan Gehrman or Nathaniel Hiroz can be contacted

#### 5. Continuity Group

- John Peterson not interested in staying a member of the Continuity Group; his name will therefore be removed from the website
- Paul Sidwell nominates Ampika Rattanapitak as a new member, pointing out that the Myanmar Center of Chiang Mai University plays an important role for meetings and publications
- Mathias Jenny nominates Nathaniel Hiroz, who already takes care of the website, as a new member of the Continuity Group
- Both nominations have been accepted, and thus Ampika and Nathaniel will be added to the Continuity Group

#### 6. Treasury report

- Paul Sidwell reports that ICAAL currently holds around 600 AUD in his PayPal account, surplus from previous meetings. These funds are being used to maintain the website.
- The current meeting budget is approximately in balance, covering costs through the registration fee of ICAAL12.
- Ryan Gehrman mentions that some small but solvable problems occurred in the case of PayPal and credit card payments, such as country specific limitations.

- Paul Sidwell suggests to continue using the current payment methods, as long as such individual issues can be solved creatively.
7. Summary of the most important issues discussed at the business meeting
- ICAAL13 is planned to be held as a hybrid meeting in Udon Thani in late October next year
  - An edited volume in honor of Michel Ferlus is to be published by October next year
  - Ampika Rattanapitak and Nathaniel Hiroz become new members of the Continuity Group, John Peterson steps down.
8. Closure
- Paul Sidwell closes the meeting at 5:51 pm Thai Time