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THE VIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF LINGUISTS
University, Oslo, Norway.

December 20th, 1956.

Referring you to our first circular letter, of July 1956, we take pleasure in providing you with the following additional information concerning the VIII International Congress of Linguists, to be held in Oslo August 5th - 9th, 1957.

1. PROGRAM.

The program has been subject to only minor changes since our first letter. As of today, it is as follows.

General time table:

- 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. : Individual communications.
- 10.15 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. : Plenary sessions
- 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. : Sections.

Sunday August 4: Informal get-together.

Monday August 5:

- 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. : Opening session.
- 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. : What can typological studies contribute to historical comparative linguistics? (Rapporteur: Roman Jakobson, Harvard.)
- 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. :
 - The Indo-European laryngeal theory. (Rapporteur:)
 - Principles of unilingual dictionary definitions. (Rapporteurs: Tjygve Knudsen and Alf Sommerfelt, Oslo.)
 - Mathematical linguistics. (Rapporteur: Joshua Whatmough, Harvard.)

Tuesday August 6:

- 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. : Individual communications.
- 10.15 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. : The importance of distribution versus other criteria in linguistic analysis. (Rapporteurs: Paul Diderichsen, Copenhagen, and, as regards the statistical, code, and information theory aspects, H. Spang-Hanssen, Copenhagen.)
- 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. :
 - New discoveries in Indo-European studies: Hittite (Rapporteur: Jerzy Kuryłowicz, Cracow), Mycenaean Greek (Rapporteurs: J. Chadwick, Cambridge, and J. Arne G. Furumark, Uppsala), Tocharian (Rapporteur: George Sherman Lane, University of North Carolina; pro tem. Oslo).

Wednesday August 7:

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Friday August 9:

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Interpenetration of phonology, morphology, and syntax.
(Rapporteur: Kenneth L. Pike, University of Michigan.)

Wednesday August 7:

- 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. : Individual communications.
10.15 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. : What can the new techniques of acoustical phonetics contribute to linguistics? (Rapporteur: Eli Fischer-Jørgensen, Copenhagen.)
3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. :
Electro-acoustical equipment: New electro-acoustical equipment of value to linguists. (Rapporteurs: Gunnar Fant, Stockholm, and Morris Halle, M.I.T.) Practical applications: machine translation, phonetic typewriters, synthetic speech. (Rapporteur: Paul Lucian Garvin, Georgetown University.)
Native reaction as a criterion in linguistic analysis. (Rapporteur: Harry Hoijer, University of California, Los Angeles.)
Structural linguistics and dialect geography. (Rapporteur: Witold Doroszewski, Warsaw.)

Thursday August 8:

- 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. : Individual communications.
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. : To what extent can meaning be said to be structured? (Rapporteurs: Louis Hjelmslev, Copenhagen, and Rulon S. Wells, Yale.)
3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. :
Languages in Contact. (Rapporteurs: Einar Haugen, University of Wisconsin, and Uriel Weinreich, Columbia.)
Applied linguistics: Preparation of teaching materials, practical grammars, and dictionaries, especially for foreign languages. (Rapporteur:)
Making of alphabets. (Rapporteur: Jack Berry, S.O.A.S., London.)

Friday August 9:

10.15 a.m. : Closing session.

The subjects and the authors of the individual communications, scheduled for 9.15 a.m. - 10.00 a.m., will be announced later.

We would like to stress one aspect of the procedures for the Congress, which has not been fully understood:

The VIII Congress differs from several previous congresses in not accepting for advance printing, and distribution to the various rapporteurs, contributions on the subjects scheduled for the plenary sessions and section meetings. The rapporteurs will give their own survey and evaluation of the problems within the field assigned to them, and these reports will be printed and distributed to members in advance. Members are asked to give their contribution to these subjects during the debates of the Congress. These contributions will be printed, along with the main reports, in the Proceedings of the Congress.

A number of rooms will be put at the disposal of those members who want to present individual communications, on subjects

other than those scheduled for the regular Congress meetings, from 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. These papers will not be printed in advance, but will, as far as it is found practical, be included in the Proceedings of the Congress. Only a limited number of communications can be accommodated.

2. ACCOMMODATION.

We would like to emphasize that we cannot undertake to arrange for accommodation, for members and their families, unless a request to do so has been received by February 15th, 1957.

The following types of accommodation are available:

(a) The college halls of the University (Studentbyen på Sogn) are situated on the outskirts of Oslø, 15 minutes by Tram from the University and the city centre. There are units of five rooms with common hall, shower bath, and W.C. The rooms can be rented singly or as a unit (apartment). If rented as an apartment, one of the five rooms is converted into a sitting-room. Single rooms are, when desired, converted to double rooms by putting in an extra bed. The prices are, breakfast included:

Single bed-sitting room: N.cr.	19.-
Double bed-sitting room: "	31.-
Apartment, per person: "	25.50

(b) At some good hotels in the city centre area, around the University, prices vary as follows. Breakfast is not included.

Single room: N.cr.	20.00 - 50.00
Double room: "	35.00 - 90.00

We cannot guarantee to comply with members' requests as regards type of hotel room.

3. TOURS, SIGHTSEEING.

Enclosed you will find details of two tours which are organized for members and their families, at the end of the Congress. Norwegian linguists will serve as guides on these tours. There is room for only 35 participants on each tour, as the hotels are already heavily booked up for the tourist season, and we must therefore close the lists after the first 35 applications.

If members so wish, we shall try to organize shorter trips for the week-end only, at the end of the Congress.

Also, we shall be pleased to organize day excursions and sightseeing trips, during the Congress, for members' families.

4. FEES.

The registration fee, Norwegian crowns 50.- (U.S.dollars 7.-, French francs 2500.-, English pounds 2-10-0) should be paid by February 15th, 1957, in cheques payable to the VIII International Congress of Linguists. In Switzerland and in the United States of America, the money can be sent in personal cheques. In countries

which are members of the European Payment Union, such cheques can be purchased in banks, or a bank can undertake to send the cheque. (This obtains for registration fees to all recognized international congresses.) We lack the necessary information about currency regulations in other countries, but it is assumed that payment can be arranged through a bank. If it is more convenient, the money can be paid directly into the account of the VIII International Congress of Linguists, No. 4997, with Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse, Torvet 7, Oslo, Norway.

For countries where advance payment is not possible, we will accept payment on arrival in Oslo

5. QUESTIONNAIRE.

Enclosed you will find a questionnaire, which we urge any prospective members to fill in and return to us by February 15th, 1957. Even if you have already given us this information, in full or in part, you are kindly asked to fill in all the relevant parts of the questionnaire, in order to facilitate our work.

6. CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION, ETC.

Your registration, and any other arrangement we may have undertaken in accordance with the questionnaire (except (6) and (7) of the questionnaire), are considered as binding unless cancelled by June 1st, 1957. If you cancel your registration by that time, your registration fee will be returned, with a deduction for our mailing expenses.

7. ADDRESS OF THE CONGRESS.

All correspondence concerning the Congress should be addressed to the Secretary:
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Yours sincerely,

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