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## International Quantitative Linguistics Association

### I. **Pre-conference report: QUALICO 2014 preparations**

The 8th Qualico conference will be held in Olomouc, Czech Republic, on May 29 until June 1st 2014. The conference will be organized by IQLA in cooperation with the members of the Department of General Linguistics, Palacký University, Olomouc, acting as representatives of the Philosophical Faculty of Palacký University. The organizing committee (including 11 scientific reviewers from various states worldwide) got a large amount of abstracts (more than 80). After peer-review 50 abstracts were accepted as talks and 6 as poster presentations.

In this year's conference (held on the occasion of 20th anniversary of IQLA and Journal of Quantitative Linguistics) will host over 60 presenters. Various topics from the field of quantitative linguistics will be discussed by researchers from all over the world. The conference aims to attract diverse audience from all over the world. The participants are coming from Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States of America.

The QUALICO 2014 takes place at the Art Centre of Palacký University, the Baroque building belonging to the oldest parts of the University in Olomouc. The Art Centre is a teaching and research institution, involved in the everyday cultural and artistic life of the city and the region. The conference will be ceremonially opened on Thursday morning in Corpus Christi Chapel.

We are proud to announce Reinhard Köhler (University of Trier) who will open the programme with an honorary speech on the topic of Quantitative Linguistics – An Overview. Participants' speeches will focus among others on the Menzerath-Altman's law, word length and word frequency in various languages, frequency based grammar and syntax characteristics. Other talks will be devoted to text classification as well as to authorship attributions and other current topics in the field of quantitative linguistics.

In addition to the scientific part of the conference programme, the local organizers are preparing a special social event including a welcome banquet at the Art Centre Konvikt at Palacký University, a barbecue in the University Gardens, a conference closing dinner in Bouzov Castle as well as a Sunday trip to Olomouc sur-

roundings. Members of the student's organizing team will also be ready to organize and guide exciting sight-seeing tours around Olomouc city centre for small groups (upon a request).

The local organizers are glad to mention that there will be no conference fee thanks to the fact that the conference will be supported financially by two sponsoring grants: Innovation of General Linguistics and Communication Theory Studies in Cooperation with Natural Science, reg. no.: CZ.1.07/2.2.00/28.0076, and Linguistic a Lexicostatistic Analysis in Cooperation with Linguistics, Mathematics, Biology, Psychology, reg. no. CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.0161. Both of these projects are financed by the European Social Fund and the national Budget of the Czech Republic



## II. Glottometrics 27, 2014

Issue 27 of Glottometrics has just published. Contains the following articles:

- Four reasons for a revision of the Transitivity Hypothesis by *Radek Čech*.
- Hebraismen im Deutschen by *Karl-Heinz Best*
- Some aspects of Slavic phonemics and graphemics by *Emmerich Kelih, Ioan-Iovitz Popescu and Gabriel Altmann*.
- The lambda structure of language levels by *Ioan-Iovitz Popescu and Gabriel Altmann*.
- *Motifs bibliography* by Reinhard Köhler.
- Announcement of the Quantitative Index Text Analyser (QUITA) by

*Miroslav Kubát, Vladimír Maltach, Radek Čech.*

## III. QL habilitation thesis

Treasurer of IQLA, Ján Mačutek, defended successfully his habilitation thesis on May 2013. The title of his thesis was "Discrete probability distributions and their applications in quantitative linguistics". Part of the thesis was published in the Journal of Quantitative Linguistics as Macutek, J., Altmann, G. (2007). Discrete and continuous modelling in quantitative linguistics. *Journal of Quantitative Linguistics* 14, 81-94.

## IV. Announcement – Call for "news"

We kindly ask all IQLA members to inform secretary@iqla.org about recent or new projects, publications, conferences, personal news, etc., in QL and related research fields. It is planned to publish this information on the IQLA web pages and in the next available IQLA newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 2, 2014.

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