

# AFRILEX

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(Note: \* = only in the hardcopy version of this newsletter)

### 1. CIRCULAR

This circular contains suggestions made during a meeting of the Executive of AFRILEX, a memo\* from Dr. Hartmann, information on some other matters (constitution, conference, etc.), as well as an invoice\* for payment of membership for 1996.

Dr. Alberts and Prof. Prinsloo were responsible for the preparation of the circular.

### 2. REGISTRATION OF THE NAME

The name of the association will be registered as soon as possible. Members will be informed of developments in this regard.

### 3. CONSTITUTION

The draft constitution is included.\* It has been approved by the Executive and the Board. The Executive will appreciate commentary on the draft constitution.

### 4. EMBLEM

A variety of emblems were designed for **AFRILEX**. The Executive feels that the chosen emblem met with nearly all requirements. The emblem was submitted to the Executive and the Board members. Members are requested to comment on the emblem.

### 5. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The first international conference of **AFRILEX** will take place on 1-2 July 1996 at the Rand Afrikaans University (RAU), Johannesburg.

Since it is of importance to establish good relations with other linguistic associations, this conference will coincide with that of the:

- *African Language Association of Southern Africa (ALASA)* (4-5 July 1996),
- *Linguistic Society of Southern Africa (LSSA)* (3-5 July 1996), and
- *South African Association for Language Teaching (SAALT)* (1-3 July 1996)

at the same venue.

A *call for papers* is included.\* The deadline for abstracts is 31 March 1996.

Participants should submit an abstract of at least 500 to 800 words which will be adjudicated. The participants will get feedback before the end of April 1996.

L. Zgusta and R.R.K. Hartmann were invited to read keynote papers. The first keynote address is planned for the first session and the second one for the second day after lunch.

The first annual general meeting will take place on the afternoon of the first day, followed by a formal dinner.

The Executive will meet at 7:00 and the Board at 20:00 on Sunday, 30 June 1996 at RAU.

Language medium: Since it is an international conference it was decided that the language medium should be English.

Detailed information on registration, accommodation, etc. will be mailed to members of AFRILEX at a later stage.

### 6. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership fees for 1996 will be as follows:

Africa: R 50  
Overseas: US \$ 20  
Corporate: R 200

Corporate members will be entitled to four copies of all correspondence and up to four representatives of the specific organisation will be regarded as members of AFRILEX.

### 7. MEMBERS

AFRILEX has a membership of 207 members at present.

### 8. MINI SYMPOSIUM: BOTSWANA

The possibility of a mini symposium/seminar for **AFRILEX** in Botswana is being investigated. This suggested symposium/seminar is planned for March 1996.

### 9. LEXIKOS

The management of the Bureau of the WAT and Mr. Pieter Harteveld, the editor of *Lexikos* (a publication in the Afrilex series), confirmed their commitment to continue with the publication of *Lexikos 5* (1995).

*Lexikos 5* will still be published under the banner of the Bureau of the WAT. However, the establishment of **AFRILEX** will be announced in the preface and the first edition of *Lexikos for 1996 will be a mouthpiece of AFRILEX*.

From 1996 onwards members of AFRILEX will receive *Lexikos* free of charge.

The Bureau of the WAT will, until **AFRILEX** can afford it, bear the cost for the publication of *Lexikos*.

#### **10. NEWSLETTER**

In addition to Afrilex preparing its own newsletter, it was suggested that '**Termbroker**', the newsletter of the National Terminology Services, should be mailed to Afrilex members as well. AFRILEX members will receive regular copies of '**Termbroker**' from now on.

#### **11. CONTACT WITH LEXICOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATIONS ABROAD**

The chairperson, Prof. Gouws, attended the congress of the Dictionary Society of North America (**DSNA**). He informed them about the establishment of AFRILEX, and conveyed our greetings. Prof. Gouws will in future liaise with the DSNA and members of DSNA will be invited through their newsletter to join AFRILEX.

**EURALEX** will also be informed by Prof. Gouws through their newsletter of the establishment of AFRILEX.

Contact with **AUSTRALEX** will also be established by Prof. Gouws.

#### **12. PORTFOLIOS ON THE BOARD**

A number of portfolios for the Board should be established (e.g. liaison, research, professional information, documentation, publicity, fund raising, training, newsletter, etc.).

Suggestions for the co-option of members from certain other African countries to the Board of Afrilex have been made. This has still to be approved by the Board and members will be informed in due course.

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