

The Syntax of the World's Languages Constitution

- (1) “Syntax of the World’s Languages” (SWL) is a conference series in linguistics that began in 2004 (Leipzig).**
- (2) Conferences in this series take place every two years and are open to anyone with an interest in syntax and worldwide linguistic diversity.**
- (3) The focus of the conferences is on syntactic (and morphological) patterns in little-studied languages, from any theoretical perspective.**
- (4) All aspects of conference organization are decided by the local organizer(s), who can seek advice from the SWL Committee.**
- (5) The venue of the next SWL conference is chosen by the SWL Committee at least 12 months (and ideally 18 months) before the next conference.**
- (5) The SWL Committee consists of the organizers of the last four SWL conferences; for example, after the 2016 conference, the 2016 organizers join the committee, and the 2008 organizers leave the committee.**
- (6) The SWL Committee is chaired by the most senior organizer, i.e. the organizer who has been on the committee for the longest time; for example, after the 2016 conference, the Committee will be chaired by the 2010 organizer. (If there are multiple people organizing an SWL conference, they have to agree on a chair, because only a single person can be chair.)**