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**The 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium**

**10-12 September 2012**

Department of Linguistics

Banaras Hindu University

VARANASI, INDIA

We are pleased to announce **the 18th Himalayan Languages Symposium** to be held at the Department of Linguistics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, INDIA on 10-12 September 2012.

The Himalayan Languages Symposium is an annual event that provides an open scholarly forum for scholars working on various aspects of languages of the greater Himalayan region: Burushaski, Kusunda, Tibeto-Burman, Indo-Iranian, Austroasiatic, Kradai, Andamanese, Nahali, Dravidian or any other language of the area. The Symposium, in addition to Himalayan languages, also welcomes contributions from related disciplines such as history, anthropology, archaeology and prehistory of the greater Himalayan regions. (More details are available on the relevant links on the Symposium website: [**http://www.himalayansymposium.org/**](http://www.himalayansymposium.org/)).

**Call for Abstract**

We invite the prospective participants to submit an abstract of not more than 300 words (maximum one page) in 12 pt font including data on a topic from the following broad indicative areas. Abstract can be submitted through EasyChair at [**http://www.himalayansymposium.org/**](http://www.himalayansymposium.org/) .

Alternatively, one may send an abstract in PDF file to **mi\_anil@yahoo.com** **.**

Linguistic description (Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics)

Historical-comparative studies

Bio-linguistics

Typological studies

Field reports

Corpus-based analysis

Technology for Himalayan languages

Ethnology and folklore

Works on anthropological, historical, or archeological aspects dealing with a language or language community of the greater Himalayan regions are also welcome.

**Workshops**

In addition, we also plan to hold a one-day workshop on “Resource creation and technology development for Himalayan/lesser-known languages”.

**Important Dates**

Abstract submission deadline : 15th June 2012 (Extended)

Notification : 30th June 2012

Symposium date : 10-12 September 2012

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**Registration Details**

All the participants are required to register by filling the registration form after receiving the invitation letter.

**Registration Fee**

Rs. 5000/- (with accommodation)

Rs. 3000/- (without accommodation)

[Student and local participants may apply for partial fee waiver after receiving invitation letter]

Registration fee to be paid on arrival at BHU includes symposium kits, breakfast and lunch. The accompanying persons will also have to register. The participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and arrange for funding from their respective organizations. The international participants who need a visa to enter India may contact the Indian Consulate for visa procedures. The invitation letter may be attached with the visa application.