

EAORC - Bulletin 35

*** NOTICES: ***

You may have noticed that we have a decision on the renaming. As well as the two proposed names, some others were put forward; but I had to reject them because of trademark/prior use issues.

The website has been renamed and is now at:

<http://www.btinternet.com/~martin.edwardes/eaorc/>

If you go to the old site you are redirected.

There is now a diary page set up, as suggested by Lynda. Remember, it is up to you to let me know about events: conferences, seminars, open tutorials, exhibitions ... anything that may be of interest to the members.

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Next, a notice from Martin Kanovsky, one of the Community members (the event is in the diary):

Could you disseminate the attachment among members of our group? It is a call for papers in our (cognitive and evolutionary) workshop at the Vienna EASA Conference in September. Since cognitive and evolutionary anthropology is vastly underrepresented among social anthropologists, it is important to show that we are active, living and radical.

Thanks

Martin Kanovsky

The call is attached as EASACall.doc. For those who are unsure (and that should be all of you!) I have scanned the document and certify it virus-free.

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Also attached is a copy of the flyer to be given out at Leipzig (certified virus-free). If you want to print off a few copies for handing out to your local contacts, that would be most acceptable.

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Finally, a mystery. For many years, a site called Monkeyfist has been hosting a list of Chomsky's linguistics papers. It has been a good service, and had many useful documents.

This week the site handed over to the official Chomsky.info site at <http://www.chomsky.info/>.

However, no linguistics papers/articles/interviews are listed on the new site. I have emailed the site editor to find out when or if they are appearing, but it leaves the question, is Chomsky redefining what his life's work has actually been?

Unfortunately, as I trusted the Monkeyfist site, I did not download all the papers. There is a lesson here. I have contacted Monkeyfist to see whether they are willing to send me copies of the articles.

*** THIS WEEK'S ARTICLES: ***

If you need copies let me know.

--- New Scientist, 7 February 2004 ---

THIS WEEK

... HELEN PHILLIPS - Do we perceive using 'mindsight'? [Ronald Rensink's theory that we perceive unconsciously as well consciously] ### IN BRIEF ... Mammoth footprints track their extinction [a set of N.American footprints show the herd had signs of human predation] ### FEATURES ... LAURA SPINNEY - The gene chronicles [your DNA doesn't just reveal where you came from, it also tells stories about the way your ancestors lived]

--- Nature, 5 February 2004 ---

REVIEWS

... ROBERT PROCTER - Racial realities or bombast? [damning review of the bad science in 'Race: the reality of human differences' by Vincent Sarich and Frank Miele]

--- Science, 30 January 2004 ---

Nothing of interest

--- Scientific American Special, January 2004 ---

... DAROLD TREFFERT & GREGORY WALLACE - Islands of Genius [artistic brilliance and a dazzling memory can sometimes accompany autism and other developmental disorders]

... ECKART ALTENMULLER - Music in your head [listening to music involves not only hearing but also visual, tactile and emotional experiences.

Each of us processes music in different regions of the brain]

... GERHARD ROTH - The Quest to find Consciousness [by studying the brain's physical processes, scientists are seeking clues about how the subjective inner life of the mind arises]

... MICHAEL PAUEN - Does free will arise freely? [how consciousness is produced influences when we can regard fetuses as individuals]

... ROBERT CIALDINI - The science of persuasion [social psychology has determined the basic principles that govern getting to "yes"]

... ROBERT-BENJAMIN ILLING - Humbled by history [over the centuries, many "proven" ideas about the brain were later found lacking, a lesson worth remembering today]

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