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*** NOTICES: ***

New members again this week. Welcome!

A few months ago I proposed an offline database of articles, papers, etc, which would be sent on a regular basis. Well, it now has over 3,800 entries, and the Excel file is 850kb. I won't send it unless you request it: not everyone has broadband, and it will take over 5 minutes to download on a 28.8kbps line. Should I put it on the website for you?

Also a reminder: the website list of members contains your interests. Could those of you who don't have "Areas of Interest" listed on the Contacts page please let me have a few words about your interests, to introduce you to other members of the community. Thanks.

Thanks to KATE PRENDERGAST for the following:
Some stories of potential interest:

Neanderthals reached full adulthood at the age of 15
<http://archaeology.eu.com/weblog/>

Forgetfulness of things past: Are scientists on the brink of learning how to erase memories, asks Steven Rose
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/life/feature/story/0,13026,1205160,00.html>

Thanks to JEROME LEWIS for the following:

WONDERLAND: 'ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE'

Friday May 7th - Sunday May 9th 2004 @ 491 Gallery, 491 Grove Green Road, Leytonstone E11.

A weekend festival of multi-ethnic and anthropological films, slide-shows, talks, workshops, carnival performances and general enjoyment. This event is part of the build-up to the European Social Forum to be held in London in October 2004.

*** Schedule ***

FRIDAY 7TH MAY

Max 30 people staying overnight (£30 for those staying whole weekend) Meet and Greet Barbeque meal, self serve - Elena Mouriki Jamming session with djembe drums - All

SATURDAY 8TH MAY

"Tribes!" Indigenous alternatives to capitalism (£10 whole day; extra £5 for banquet)

10 am: Breakfast. Self-serve

11 am: Lesikar Enole Ngila: Opening statement

11.30 - 12.30 pm Laura Williams & Lionel Sims: Moon, Tides & Stonehenge

12.30 - 1.00 pm Ana Lopes: Sex and resistance then and now

1.00 pm - Lunch. Self-serve

2.00 pm - James Woodburn (the Hadzabe of Tanzania)

3.00 pm - Jerome Lewis (the Forest People)

4.00 pm - General discussion: 'Another World Is Possible'

4.30 - 7.00 pm - Workshops. Belly-dancing. Mask making. Fire-eating etc.

7.00 pm - Relaxation and Masquerade Banquet

SUNDAY 9TH MAY

2.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Mad Hatters Yea Party (FANCY DRESS - Alice in Wonderland) - music (looney tunes). Pianist. Klezma Band. African Drums. DJ's. Ethnomusicology. Rock-cakes; moon-biscuits. £15 on door.

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE: CENTRE FOR HUMAN COMMUNICATION, UCL

We would like to announce the first major event of UCL's new Centre for Human Communication, a one-day conference on June 4th organized around the theme 'The architecture of the language faculty'. Our keynote speaker, Professor Ray Jackendoff, of Brandeis University, President of the Linguistics Society of America, is the 2003 recipient of the Jean-Nicod Prize, and the author of several acclaimed books on language, most recently Foundations of Language (Oxford University Press, 2002).

He is particularly admired for his inter-disciplinary take on language issues. He will be speaking on 'Re-interpreting generative grammar'.

The full roster of speakers is:

Prof. William Marslen-Wilson, Cambridge University. Director, Medical Research Council Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit, FBA. TITLE: Language in the Mind and the Brain: Insights from the Past Tense

Prof. Dorothy Bishop, Oxford University: Professor of Developmental Neuropsychology. TITLE: Genes and language

Prof. John Local, University of York Professor of Phonetics and Linguistics. TITLE: Interpreting phonetic exponents: variable domains and variable relevance

Prof. Barbara Landau, Todd Professor of Cognitive Science, Johns Hopkins University. TITLE: (note change) How do we talk about what we see?

Prof. Richard Wise, Imperial College: Professor of Neurology and Wellcome Senior Research Fellow, Hammersmith Hospital. TITLE: The neurology of language

The conference will take place in Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London, The day will include lunch, and end with a cocktail reception. There is a small registration fee (£25 for non-UCL, £10 for UCL, and no charge for students), and registration is essential.

Full details and a registration form can be found on our web-site, <http://www.chc.ucl.ac.uk/conference> .

The conference is made possible by the support of LAGB, The British Academy, and the Laryngograph Trust. We very much hope that you will be able to attend all or part of the day.

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

If you have problems getting copies let me know.

--- New Scientist, 1 May 2004 ---

THIS WEEK

... JAMES RANDERSON - Neanderthals led a life less human [they became adult at 15, unlike modern Homo Sapiens males, who only THINK they are adults at 15.]

ARTICLES

...MARCUS CHOWN - Clock watchers [no wonder physicists can't explain past, present and future. The passage of time is just an illusion we can't live without.]

... PETER FARLEY - The anatomy of despair [the discovery of brain damage in people with depression has thrown long-standing theories about the condition into disarray.]

REVIEWS

... NICHOLAS SAUNDERS - Heaps of history [review of 'The Moundbuilders' by George R Milner]

--- Nature, 29 April 2004 ---

NEWS

... REX DALTON - Anthropologists rocked by fossil access row [when should newly-discovered fossils be released to the scientific community?]

NEWS AND VIEWS

... JAY KELLEY - Neanderthal teeth lined up [more on fast-maturing Neanderthals]

LETTERS TO NATURE

... FERNANDEZ RAMIREZ ROZZI & JOSE MARIA BERMUDEZ DE CASTRO - Surprisingly rapid growth in Neanderthals [the research paper]

--- Science, 23 April 2004 ---

BOOKS

... NILS STENSETH & GLENN-PETER SAETRE - Why animals don't lie [review of 'Animal Signals' by John Maynard Smith & David Harper]

PERSPECTIVES

... MOSHE ABELES - Time is precious [timed neuron firing may be used as a digital binary signal - the cortex can generate precisely repeating patterns.]

RESEARCH ARTICLES

... YUJI IKEGAYA et al - Synfire chains and cortical songs: temporal modules of cortical activity [research article to go with Abeles article]

--- Prospect, May 2004 ---

... PAUL SEABRIGHT - Liberals and strangers [liberalism was born 10,000 years ago with agriculture. Living with strangers forced us to learn how to trust others]

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