



# BIOLINGUISTIC INVESTIGATIONS

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. February 23-25, 2007.

## Program.

**FRIDAY, February 23.**

- 8:30-9:00** Breakfast & Registration
- 9:00-9:30** Opening Remarks  
Calixto Aguero-Bautista, Biolinguistic Investigations Organizing Committee  
Ambassador Jose Santana, Comision Internacional Asesora en Ciencia y Tecnologia (CIAT).  
Representative of FUNGLODE
- 9:30-10:30** Invited Talk  
Ken Wexler, MIT: Lenneberg's Dream.
- 10:30-10:45** Break

10:45-  
12:15

**Section 1**

**Chair: Calixto Aguero-Bautista**

**Aritz Irurtzun, University of the Basque Country: On the Emergence and Ontology of Syntactic Labels.**

**Hisatsugu Kitahara, Keio University (Japan): Language Design in Minimalism: A Case Study of (Anti)c-command Requirements.**

**Hedde H. Zeijlstra, University of Amsterdam: How Revising the Strongest Minimalist Thesis Constitutes Parametric Variation.**

12:15-  
1:45

**Lunch Break**

1:45-  
3:15

**Section 2.**

**Chair: Anna Maria Di Sciullo**

**Roberto de Almeida, Mark Hale, Daniela Isac, Charles Reiss (Concordia University): Epistemological Remarks on Universal Grammar**

**Aniela Imbrota França, Miriam Lemle, Maurício Cagy, Antonio Fernando Catelli Infantosi (UFRJ-UFF): Counting Piglets: Who Cares if Two is Less Than Three?**

**Ralph W. Fasold, Georgetown University: Recognition of Binding Theory Locality Effects at the Cognitive Interface.**

3:15-  
3:30

**Break**

3:30-  
4:30

**Invited Talk**

**Richard Larson, Stony Brook University: Phases, Propositions and Thoughts.**

4:30-  
4:45

**Break**

4:45-  
5:45

**Invited Talk**

**Karin Stromswold, Rutgers: Genetics and the Structure, Acquisition and Evolution of Language.**

**SATURDAY, February 24.**

8:30-  
9:00

**Breakfast**

9:00-  
10:00

**Invited Talk**

**Howard Lasnik, University of Maryland: What Kind of Computing Device is the Human Language Faculty?**

10:00-  
10:15

**Break**

10:15-  
11:45

**Section 1.**

**Chair: Charles Reiss**

**Anna Maria Di Sciullo, University of Quebec at Montreal: Hierarchical Structure in Morphological Domains.**

**Erez Lieberman, Jean-Baptiste Michel, Joe Jackson, Tina Tang, Martin A Nowak (Harvard-MIT): Mathematical Evolution of the Irregular Verbs.**

**Dominik Rus, Georgetown University: The Acquisition of Tense and Agreement at the Interfaces.**

**11:45-**

**Lunch Break**

**1:15**

**1:15-**

**Section 2.**

**2:45**

**Chair: Roberto de Almeida**

**Calixto Aguero-Bautista, University of Quebec at Montreal: Crossover Encounters of the Third Kind.**

**Brent Henderson, University of Florida: Perception and Linguistic Structure.**

**Ivan Ortega Santos, University of Maryland. On Neural Accommodation and Relativized Minimality Effects.**

**2:45-**

**Break**

**3:00**

**3:00-**

**Invited Talk**

**4:00**

**W. Tecumseh Fitch, Saint Andrews University (UK): Hierarchy, Recursion and Compositionality: Three Faces of Discrete Infinity.**

**4:00-**

**Poster Section**

**5:00**

**Amrita Basu, University of New Delhi (India): Self Organization Favours Access and Retrieval Processes: An Investigation Into the Nature of Storage in the Lexicon.**

**Kamil Ud Deen, University of Hawaii at Manoa: The Case for Biology.**

**Ray C. Dougherty, New York University: Information Theory Defines "Mathematically Conceivable Communication System"**

**Shantanu Ghosh, Indian Institute of Technology (Delhi, India): Language Architecture: The Multiple Neuronal Platform Hypothesis.**

**Eric Mathieu, University of Ottawa: Morphological Domains in Ojibwe: Transfer at the Word Level**

**5:00-**

**Invited Talk**

**6:00**

**David Poeppel, University of Maryland: Bilingualism Needs Neurobiology.**

**SUNDAY, February 25**

**8:30-**

**Breakfast**

**9:00**

**9:00-**

**Invited Talk**

**10:00**

**Massimo Piattelli-Palmarini, University of Arizona: Rethinking Language Evolution and the Evolution of Language.**

**10:00-**

**Break**

**10:15**

**10:15-**

**Section 1**

**11:45**

**Chair: Calixto Agüero-Bautista**

**Aleria Cavalcante Lage, Miriam Lemle, Maurício Cagy, Antonio Fernando Catelli Infantosi (UFRJ-UFF): Granulating the Bottom-up Course of Syntactic Derivation**

**Christina Kim, UCLA: Processing Presupposition: What Makes it Hard to Find Falsifiers for Sentences with 'Only'**

**Acrísio Pires, Heather Taylor (University of Michigan-University of Maryland): The Syntax of Wh-in-situ and Common Ground: Discourse-Pragmatics and I-Language.**

**11:45-  
1:15**

**Lunch Break**

**1:15-  
2:45**

**Section 2**

**Chair: Anna Maria Di Sciullo**

**Garrett Neske and Ray C. Dougherty, New York University: A Minimalist Theory of Auditory Interfaces: Why the Larynx Descended.**

**Gerardo Fernandez-Salgueiro, University of Michigan: Processing Constraints on PF-movement.**

**Marc Richards, University of Leipzig: Three Third-Factors Effects**

**2:45-  
3:00**

**Break**

**3:00-  
4:00**

**Invited Talk**

**Marc D. Hauser, Harvard University: Evolving Specialized Computations for Language**

**4:00-  
4:15**

**Break**

**4:15-  
5:15**

**Invited Talk**

**Noam Chomsky, MIT: To be Announced**