**SLE’s Digital Alternative: SLE 2020 PLATFORM**

Most of the meetings and conferences scheduled for this summer and fall are canceled due to the Covid19 conference. However, the European linguistics organization, Societas Linguistica Europaea, SLE, has decided not to skip its annual meeting this year. Instead of a physical conference in Bucharest in August, the SLE is organizing a digital alternative, a virtual conference, on the **SLE 2020 Platform**. The platform will be open from 26 August till 1 September.


Information about the SLE, the conferences the SLE organizes and the journals of the SLE can be found at [https://societaslinguistica.eu/](https://societaslinguistica.eu/)

For the recent SLE Newsletter May 2020 see: [https://societaslinguistica.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/newsletter_SLE_external.pdf](https://societaslinguistica.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/newsletter_SLE_external.pdf)

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**ComputEL-4 workshop about Computational Language Documentation**

The ComputEL-4 workshop will focus on the use of computational methods in the study, support, and revitalization of endangered languages. The primary aim of the workshop is to continue narrowing the gap between computational linguists interested in working on methods for endangered languages, field linguists working on documenting these languages, and the language communities who are striving to maintain their languages.

The organizers take seriously the goal of reaching all relevant communities. To support this goal, ComputEL aims to alternate co-location with computational linguistics conferences and language documentation conferences.

**WORKSHOP FORMAT/VENUE AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The current intention is for ComputEL-4 to take place on **March 2-3, 2021**, immediately preceding the **7th International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation (ICLDC7)** hosted by the **University of Hawaii**.

However, due to the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers are also considering various options for holding ComputEL-4 as a fully virtual or virtual/in-person hybrid workshop. They plan to make a decision about the workshop format by June 1, 2020. However, now the organizers are already launching a call for papers

**CALL-FOR-PAPERS**

Papers are invited which explore the interface and intersection of computational linguistics, documentary linguistics, and community-based language revitalization and conservation efforts.

The deadline for submission of papers or short abstracts is **1-September-2020**

For more information see: [https://computel-workshop.org/compute4-call-for-papers/](https://computel-workshop.org/compute4-call-for-papers/)

and/or

[https://www.aclweb.org/portal/content/fourth-workshop-use-computational-methods-study-endangered-languages](https://www.aclweb.org/portal/content/fourth-workshop-use-computational-methods-study-endangered-languages)

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