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Dear CIPL

I am pleased to let you know that I have attended the EDAP Conference 2023, which was held at the University of Potsdam, Berlin, Germany from March 21-23, 2023. In the conference, I presented my paper titled “Argument indexation on verbs in South Central Trans-Himalayan: Implications for typological universals, language contact and cognitive biases” on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023. Please see the link to the program of the conference [here](#).

The conference attracted international scholars from diverse geographical regions and language families. Most of these scholars presented well-researched papers on argument coding in their languages. This is one of the areas of my current research interests and attending these presentations greatly contributed to my understanding of cross-linguistic distributions of argument coding patterns. I also greatly benefited from the presentation of the keynote speaker Professor Martin Haspelmath’s (who’s considered an expert in the field) presentation. Some of the questions that Professor Haspelmath and other researchers raised opened new areas for my own investigation in the area of argument indexation in Tibeto-Burman languages. Further, the questions and comments that I received on my presentation will significantly help me to improve my paper for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

The conference also gave me an opportunity to establish a network with scholars of argument coding from around the world. During informal chats over snack and lunch breaks, I had the opportunity to make friends with many scholars with whom I hope to stay in touch and continue to have constructive dialogues on argument coding and other grammatical features in genealogically and geographically diverse languages.

I greatly appreciate your contribution of the travel grant, which made it possible for me to attend this conference.

Sincerely,



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