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PROGRAM - Updated August 31, 2016

September 1, Thursday		
09:00-09:45	Registration	
09:45-10:00	Opening	
10:00-10:30	Robert Hepburn-Gray (<i>U. at Buffalo, SUNY</i>)	A survey of Niger-Congo noun class agreement systems
10:30-11:00	Coffee break.	
Morning Session - Chair: Valentin Vydrin		
11:00-11:40	Roger Blench (<i>McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research / U. of Cambridge</i>)	Supposing we have been completely wrong about the shape of early Niger-Congo roots?
11:40-12:30	Konstantin Pozdniakov (<i>INALCO – LLACAN</i>)	From Proto-Atlantic to Proto-Niger-Congo: the root structure
12:30-14:10	Lunch	
Afternoon Session 1 - Chair: Guillaume Segerer		
14:10-14:40	Ronald Schaefer (<i>Southern Illinois U.</i>) Reginald Duah (<i>U. of Ghana-Legon</i>) Francis O. Egbokhare (<i>U. of Ibadan</i>)	Toward a typology of Niger-Congo complementation
14:40-15:10	Dmitry Idiatov (<i>LLACAN – CNRS</i>) Mark Van de Velde (<i>LLACAN – CNRS</i>)	Implications of the lexical frequency of labial-velar stops in northern sub-Saharan Africa for Niger-Congo reconstruction
15:10-15:40	Capo Chichi, Sandro (<i>U. Paris VII / Laboratoire de Linguistique Formelle</i>)	Sur la fonction de la nasalité dans les noms du Proto Gbe
15:40-16:20	Coffee break	
Afternoon Session 2 - Chair: Bruce Connell		
16:20-16:50	Maria Konoshenko Daria Shavarina (<i>Russian State U. for the Humanities, Moscow</i>)	Patterns of Noun Class System Attrition in Kwa
16:50-17:20	Fiedler, Ines (<i>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</i>)	Comparison of gender systems across Kwa
17:20-17:50	Motingea Mangulu, André (<i>U. Pédagogique Nationale de Kinshasa</i>)	Tonologies des langues bantoues du nord et du centre-ouest du Congo et problèmes de filiation généalogique

September 2, Friday

Morning Session 1 - Chair: Lynell Zogbo

09:00-09:30	Tucker Childs (<i>Portland State U.</i>)	The definite article in Mel
09:30-10:00	Guillaume Segerer (<i>LLACAN</i>)	The unusually unstable basic vocabulary of the Joola languages
10:00-10:30	Valentin Vydrin (<i>LLACAN – INALCO</i>)	Reconstruction of the Proto-Southern Mande pronominal system

10:30-10:50 Coffee break

Morning Session 2 - Chair: Mark van de Velde

10:50-11:20	Lynell Zogbo (<i>U. of the Free State / Abidjan</i>)	Did the category "adjective" exist in Proto-Kru?
11:20-11:50	Jeffrey Heath (<i>U. of Michigan</i>)	Verbal stem-gradation in Proto-Dogon
11:50-12:20	Ulrich Kleinewillinghöfer (<i>JG-Universität Mainz</i>)	Class *n _l and Class *-ti in Samba-Duru, a subgroup of Adamawa-Gur
12:20-12:50	Anastasiya Lyahovitch Alexander Zheltov (<i>St. Petersburg State U.</i>)	Towards a comparative description of the Adamawa languages of Mumuye-Yendang and Leko groups

12:50-14:30 Lunch.

Afternoon Session 1 - Chair: John Watters

14:30-15:00	Bruce Connell (<i>Glendon College, York U.</i>)	Lexical Tone in Proto-Mambiloid
15:00-15:30	Demola Lewis (<i>Department of Linguistics and African Languages, U. of Ibadan</i>)	A Leipzig-Jakarta Vocabulary Reconstruction and Sound Correspondence based Sub-grouping of North Edoid.
15:30-16:00	Oyetayo Bankale (<i>U. of Ibadan</i>) Urua Eno-Abasi (<i>U. of Uyo, AkwaIbom State</i>)	Proto-West Benue Congo Stem C1

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

Afternoon Session 2 - Chair: Konstantin Pozdniakov

16:30-17:00	Galina Sim (<i>Institute of Linguistics, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow</i>)	Towards a reconstruction of the Proto-Ekoid phonological system
17:00-17:30	John R. Watters (<i>SIL International</i>)	An Initial Understanding of the Proto-Ekoid-Mbe Noun Class System
17:30-18:00	Okokkon Udo Akpan, Emmanuel Akaninyene Okon (<i>U. Of Uyo, AkwaIbom State, Nigeria</i>)	Niger-Congo languages in Akwa Ibom State: a comparison and reconstruction of proto-forms.

19:30 CONFERENCE DINNER

Café de l'Odéon - Place de l'Odéon, Paris 6e

September 3, Saturday

Morning Session 1 - Chair: Jean-Marie Hombert

09:30-10:00	Jacky Maniacky (<i>Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>) Michela Araujo Ribeiro (<i>U. te Leiden, U. Federal de Rondônia (Brazil) & Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>) Rosa Maria de Lima Ribeiro (<i>U. te Leiden, U. Federal de Rondônia (Brazil) & Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>)	Words for two intimate parts in the Bantu languages
10:00-10:30	Jacky Maniacky (<i>Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>) Joane de Lima Santiago (<i>Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>) Alzenir Mendes de Menezes (<i>U. te Leiden & Royal Museum for Central Africa, Tervuren</i>)	Hunting for a semantic network in Bantu

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

Morning Session 2 - Chair: Dmitry Idiatov

11:00-11:30	George Starostin (<i>Russian State U. for the Humanities / Russian Presidential Academy</i>)	Once more on the genetic affiliation of Krongo-Kadugli (Kadu) languages: the basic lexicon perspective
11:30-12:00	Larry M. Hyman (<i>U. of California, Berkeley</i>)	On reconstruction tones in Proto-Niger-Congo

12:00-13:40 Lunch

Afternoon Session 1 - Chair: George Starostin

13:40-14:10	Rebecca Grollemund Simon Branford Mark Pagel (<i>Evolutionary Biology Group, U. of Reading</i>)	Automated reconstruction of Proto-Bantu using a statistical model of phoneme evolution (presented by Jean-Marie Hombert)
14:10-14:40	Jean-Marie Hombert (<i>DDL</i>) Rebecca Grollemund Simon Branford (<i>Evolutionary Biology Group, U. of Reading</i>)	Genetic unity of the Niger-Congo family

14:40-15:20 Coffee break

Afternoon Session 2 - General Discussions

15:20	Discussion 1: NC reconstruction. Moderator: Konstantin Pozdniakov
17:00	Discussion 2: Further perspectives. Moderator: Larry Hyman
17:30	Perspectives on the description and documentation of Adamawa languages. Moderator: Mark Van de Velde
19:00	Closing

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