

NEWSLETTER 1 February 2013

Dear SALC member,

Welcome to the first newsletter 2013 of the [Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition](#).

This year we are looking forward to an eventful spring and summer for scholars interested in the relationship between language and cognition. This newsletter includes information on no less than two international conferences at Aarhus University, Denmark; *the Interacting Minds Center conference* and *the Eighth Conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies (NASS)*, a symposium on Metaphor and Metonymy at Umeå University, Sweden, and last, but not least, [the Fourth Conference of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition \(SALC IV\)](#), which will take place on the Joensuu campus of the University of Eastern Finland (UEF), June 12–14, 2013. SALC IV will be organized by the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC), the Finnish Cognitive Linguistics Association (FiCLA) and the UEF language departments.

Interacting Minds Center conference:

Cooperation: Why, How, and with Whom?

Aarhus University, April 8-9, 2013

Speakers: Albert Newen (Bochum), Alicia Melis (Warwick), Sacha Burgeois-Gironde (IJN Paris), Mattia Gallotti (IJN Paris), John Michael (Copenhagen University and Aarhus University), Juliane Kämmer (MPI Berlin), Natalie Sebanz (Budapest), Hanne De Jaegher (San Sebastian), Stephen Butterfill (Warwick), Dan Mønster (Aarhus), Dorthe Hakonsson (Aarhus), Thomas Bugnyar (Vienna), Felix Warneken (Harvard), Valentina Fantasia (Portsmouth), Anika Fiebich (Bochum), Sarah Schwarzkopf (Freiburg), Nhung Nguyen (Bielefeld), Andreas Roepstorff (Aarhus)

Program, registration and call for

posters: http://www.mindlab.au.dk/Cooperation_Why_How_and_with_Whom

Eighth Conference of the Nordic Association for Semiotic Studies (NASS):

Sign evolution on multiple time scales

Center for Semiotics, Aarhus University, Denmark, May 29th – 31st, 2013

What are the basic mechanisms and conditions for the emergence of new signs and sign systems (such as codes, notational systems, verbal and sign languages, gesture, graphical symbols, pictorial expression, etc.)? To which extent should we search for these mechanisms at the level of biology, culture, cognition, phenomenological experience or interaction? And what are the relevant features of signs themselves making them emerge, survive and propagate in contexts of communication?

The conference brings together international scholars from a range of disciplines each addressing these questions in relation to particular time scales ranging from biological and cultural evolution to ontogeny and online social interaction.

Speakers: Luc Steels (ICREA Barcelona and Sony Computer Laboratory Paris), Jordan Zlatev (Lund University), Fatima Cvrckova – (Charles University, Prague), Bruno Galantucci (Yeshiva University, NY), Susan Goldin-Meadow (University of Chicago), Winfried Nöth (University of Kassel), Nicolas Fay (University of Western Australia)

More info and call for papers: <http://nordicsemiotics.org/> **NB: upcoming deadline for abstract submissions 31st of Jan. 2013**

Symposium on Metaphor and Metonymy

Umeå University, Department of Language Studies, May 28, 2013

There will be talks on metaphor and metonymy all day and a **guest lecture by:** Lynne Cameron, Open University, UK.

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The 4th Conference of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC IV)

University of Eastern Finland, June 12-14, 2013

Speakers: Elisabeth Engberg-Pedersen, University of Copenhagen: *Forces that shape linguistic structure in sign languages*, Raymond Gibbs, University of California, Santa Cruz: *What does metaphor in language reveal about metaphor in thought?*, Irene Mittelberg, RWTH Aachen University: *The embodied mind: Cognitive-semiotic principles as motivating forces in gesture*, Anatol Stefanowitsch, Freie Universität Berlin: *Quantitative corpus linguistics and the Usage-Based Model: Natural allies or uneasy partners?*, Emile van der Zee, Lincoln University: *Word learning in Canis Familiaris: What does word learning in other species such as the dog tell us about word learning mechanisms in humans?*

Please send any items you would like to include in our next newsletter (to be published in fall 2013) to Marlene Johansson Falck (marlene.johansson.falck@engelska.umu.se). We look forward to receiving any language and cognition related news (including e.g. book announcements, info on forthcoming conferences, courses, collaboration, new projects, anything else that may be relevant to SALC members).

Sincerely,

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Secretary of SALC