The University of Trier has the honour of organizing the

36th Annual Conference of the International Computer Archive for Modern and Medieval English.

in Trier, Germany

Conference dates: 27–31 May 2015

The theme chosen for the conference is:

Words, Words, Words – Corpora and Lexis

Please support our conference grant proposal by signing up to the notification list by 15 October – see below. Thank you!

The conference will follow the typical ICAME format: On Wednesday afternoon, we will start with the pre-conference workshops, and the day will end with a first plenary and a reception at the "Electoral Palace" (*Kurfürstliches Palais*) – one of the most beautiful rococo palaces in the world. Other regulars include the conference excursion on Friday afternoon and the gala dinner on Saturday evening. The conference will end at lunchtime on Sunday.

Conference Venue and Accommodation
The conference will be held at the ERA Conference Centre in Trier. The venue is within walking distance from the city centre and directly adjacent to the conference hotel, the Arcadia Hotel Trier. A range of alternative accommodation options is available within walking distance. Further information will be provided on the conference website (and in future circulars) before registration opens.

Academic Programme
The programme will consist of full papers, work-in-progress reports, a poster session, software demonstrations, as well as invited plenary talks. The following speakers have agreed to give plenaries at the conference:

- **Kate Burridge**, Monash University
- **Thomas Herbst**, Erlangen University
- **Graeme Trousdale**, Edinburgh University
- **Edmund Weiner,** Oxford University / OED

There will also be up to three pre-conference workshops. Two workshops have already been fixed:

- **Workshop I: The International Corpus of English (ICE)**
  Convenor: Gerry Nelson

- **Workshop II: Corpus linguistics and linguistic innovations in non-native Englishes**
  Convenors: Sandra C. Deshors (Las Cruces), Sandra Götz (Giessen) & Samantha Laporte (Louvain-la-Neuve)

If you are interested in convening the third workshop, please contact the organisers with a brief proposal. Once the conference website lists the maximum number of three workshops, no further proposals can be accommodated.

Social Programme
On Friday afternoon, there will be an excursion to Bernkastel-Kues. This will include a boat trip on the Moselle, an opportunity to taste some of the excellent local wine, great views and a dinner at *Kloster Machern*. We are currently investigating a range of other options to complete the social programme. Further information will be provided in due time.

Call for Papers
We particularly invite papers that take up the conference theme of "Corpora and Lexis". However, submissions that relate to other topic areas of English corpus linguistics are of course also welcome.

Individual papers will be allowed 30 minutes, including 10 minutes for discussion; work-in-progress reports will be 15 minutes long, including 5 minutes for discussion. **The deadline for abstract submission is *15th December 2014*.** Abstracts of 400-600 words in length (excluding references) should be submitted online at

http://corpora.lancs.ac.uk/icame/abstracts_submission.html

On the form, please indicate whether your contribution is a paper, a work-in-progress report, a poster or a software demonstration. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by *15th January 2015*.

For the pre-conference workshops, separate calls for papers will be issued. Please consult the conference website for further information.

Sign-up to Notification List

This first circular for ICAME 36 is widely circulated (e.g. on the *Corpora* and *Linguist* mailing lists). Future information relating to the conference will however only be sent to people who sign up to our notification list:

http://corpora.lancs.ac.uk/icame/signup.html

In addition, this list will give us important information to support the grant proposal we have submitted to the German Research Foundation (DFG). The DFG would ideally want to have a complete list of participants by October. Obviously, this is not possible. In addition, the DFG needs to know the proportion of conference participants who hold a PhD degree. For this reason, we would like to collect information about potential participants of the conference. This will allow us to provide convincing proof of the significance of the conference to the DFG, and we will also be able to estimate proportions of participants with and without a PhD.

The DFG grant we have applied for is substantial and would make a major difference to the final conference fees. If at all possible, please sign up to this notification list by October 15th at the very latest. Thank you!

Organising Committee

The local organising committee consists of:

- Anne-Katrin Blass
- Daniela Kolbe-Hanna
- Sebastian Hoffmann (chair)
- Lilian Lee Hoffmann
- Andrea Sand
- Michael Stubbs

Conference Website / Contact

If you wish to get in touch with the organisers, please use the following email address: icame36@uni-trier.de

All relevant information about the conference will be posted on http://icame36.uni-trier.de

For more informal updates, please "like" our Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/icame36