Lexicography and Computers: Current Issues and Future Perspectives
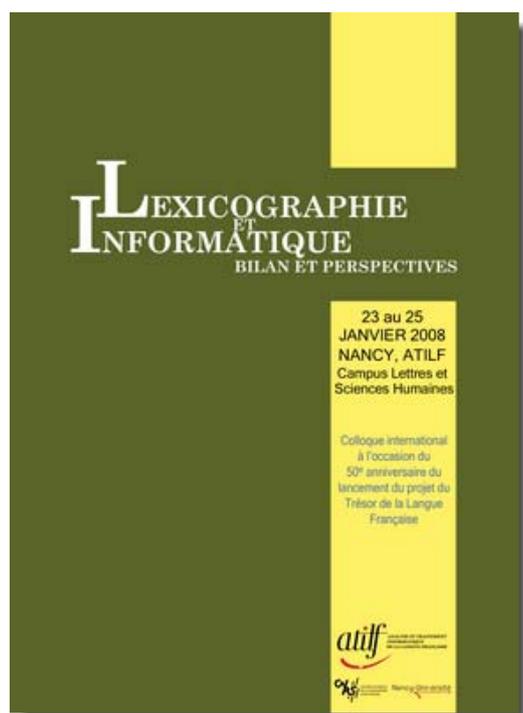International conference on the 50th anniversary of the
Trésor de la Langue Française

Dates: 23-25 January 2008
Venue: Nancy, Campus Lettres et Sciences Humaines
Organisation: ATILF-CNRS

Call for papers

In November 1957, the Centre for Romance Philology and for Contemporary French Language and Literature held a conference at the University of Strasbourg entitled "Lexicology and Lexicography in French and Romance Languages: Directions and Current Requirements." It was organised by Paul Imbs to launch his project for a new dictionary of the French language. The main innovation of the *Trésor de la Langue Française* (TLF)—as the project was to become—was its use of computer indexing of a wide corpus of texts dating from 1789 to 1960. Lexicography has never looked back, making extensive use of information and communication technology ever since.

Fifty years on, a new conference is being held to assess the influence of the TLF and its methodological innovations, as well as on subsequent lexicographical practices, analysing the advantages, implications, and consequences of such methods. As in 1957, this conference addresses the future of lexicography, current projects and forthcoming research.

Conference themes:
- Methodological analyses of past and current practices for the TLF.
- Lexicographical projects inspired by the TLF.
- Major research areas and methodologies in current lexicographical practices.
- The future of lexicography and its domain of study.
- The relationship between NLP and computerised dictionaries.
- Emerging lexicographical practices.

Proposals for papers may be in one of the following areas:
- History and epistemology of modern lexicography.
- Different methodologies in lexicography and the creation of dictionary resources.
- NLP and lexicography.
- Language engineering and dictionary studies.
- Lexicography and multilingualism.
- Connections between lexicography and other language disciplines.

The official languages of the conference are **French and English**.

Submissions:
Proposals for papers in French or English should be sent as an e-mail attachment of 3 to 5 pages; the attached proposals should be anonymous, with author's name(s) and contact details in the body of the e-mail. All proposals will be reviewed by at least two members of the scientific committee; proposals for a poster session will also be considered. Accepted proposals will be published in the pre-conference proceedings available to conference participants. Selected articles will appear in a 250/300-page volume published by a reputable editor.

Important dates:
- 1st September 2007: deadline for proposals to the following address: tlf-csn@atilf.fr
- 15th October 2007: notification of acceptance / rejection
- 31st October 2007: final programme

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