

*Call for Papers*  
**The First Nordic Conference of Clinical Linguistics**

Time: February 9 and 10, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday)

Venue: University of Joensuu, Joensuu, Finland

The meeting may be seen as a re-birth of the series of meetings that was arranged in Finland during the 1980s and 1990s. These events were called Finnish Conferences of Neurolinguistics, but, in effect, they were Nordic/Scandinavian in their scope, if not wider.

The conference is aimed to be a **theoretically and linguistically** oriented meeting dealing with **language pathology** and/or **language in clinical populations**, e.g., acquired and childhood aphasia, specific/familial language impairment, autism spectrum disorder, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's dementia.

The conference will include plenary presentations by the following three internationally distinguished scholars as well as 30-minute section papers and posters. We also welcome closed workshops and open-to-all special sessions to be held in conjunction with the conference.

The plenary speakers of the conference are:

Prof. **Fiona Gibbon** (Speech and Hearing Sciences, Queen Margaret University College): Exploring Speech in Time and Space

Prof. **Kenneth Hugdahl** (Biological and Medical Psychology, University of Bergen): Asymmetry of Language Processing

Prof. **Loraine K. Obler** (Ph.D. Program in Speech and Hearing Sciences, CUNY): Language Trajectories in Typical Aging

A general **abstract submission** deadline of **December 14, 2007 (NB! extended deadline)** is valid for:

- abstracts (1 page) for section papers and posters,
- abstracts for workshop/special session proposals (1-page abstract for the description of the workshop/special session, plus 1-page abstract for each contribution within the workshop/special session).

Submission mode, see web page (address below) , notification of acceptance: December 21, 2007.

The proceedings will be published as a volume/volumes in *Studies in Languages, University of Joensuu*, following a peer-review of each submission (see <http://cc.joensuu.fi/linguistics/studiesinlanguages.shtml> for the list of the titles published in this series).

Further information

(a) consult our web page at: <http://cc.joensuu.fi/linguistics/NorConfClinLing2008/>

(b) or you may write to us at: [NorClinLing2008@joensuu.fi](mailto:NorClinLing2008@joensuu.fi)

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P.S. The Clinical Linguistics conference will partially overlap with the Annual National (read: "Finnish") Winter Meeting on Autism arranged at Joensuu by the Finnish Association for Autism and Asperger's Syndrome (see: <http://www.autismiliitto.fi/>) on February 8 and 9, 2008.