Minutes of Planning Meeting:
Gregynog, April 27-28 April 2002
Chaired by Ben Rampton

Agenda

1. <u>Update on SIG.</u>

   BR reported back on developments of SIG within BAAL.   Discussion was around

   - advantages of being a SIG within BAAL (use of BAAL infra-structure, visibility within BAAL, encouraging diversity within BAAL structure)
   - subscription fees and BAAL (BAAL members could join free of charge, non-members would pay a fee not less than BAAL's concessionary rate).

The guidelines drawn up by Barton, Leung and Rampton (and circulated at Gregynog seminar) will be discussed at BAAL 2002.

Consensus that this would be taken forward by the steering group.

2. <u>Linguistic Ethnography Up-coming Events</u>

   2a.   BAAL annual meeting 2002, colloquium

Consensus was sought on possible topics for the half day colloquium reserved for linguistic ethnography SIG at BAAL.   Ideas floated were:

i)   Development of genre theme: Not enough interest expressed.

ii)   Development of translation and representation theme: There was lots of interest in this theme but it was felt that as BAAL was already running a similar colloquium and as time was short that this theme would not be possible for BAAL 2002 but would be a possibility for the 2003 seminar.

        Action: debate to be had over email discussion group.

iii)   A discussion on taking the 'individual and team' ethnographic debate further.   It was felt that this would best be done through each (pink) group reporter writing up a summary of discussions, putting them on the email discussion list before finally posting them (or a summary) on the website.

        Action: Marilyn Martin-Jones to monitor that this happens.

iv)   A discussion on how we reach the field of education through Applied Linguistics (AL) and through Linguistic Anthropology (LA).   An intention to invite representatives from the American Linguistic Anthropology group chaired by Stanton Wortham.   Again, it was felt that there was not sufficient time to organise this for Sept. with potential participants fully committed for the autumn term already.

        Action: to be discussed again at the BAAL 2002 SIG meeting as possible colloquium topic for BAAL 2003.

v)   The incorporation of existing abstracts presented to BAAL as stand-alone-papers sessions into the Linguistic Ethnography colloquium.   After going round the room to

see whether this would be a possibility, only Vally Lytra's paper seemed to comfortably fit into the themes raised by the group under Linguistic Ethnography. Vally expressed a willingness for her paper to be placed there (following the usual BAAL review process).   A suggestion was made from the floor that others interested in writing an abstract for colloquium should do so via the email list.   Abstracts are therefore invited to be sent to the steering committee by **Monday 6th May**.   The steering group will look for common themes to build into a colloquium.   The deadline for this to reach BAAL is **Monday 13th   May**.

Action: Karin Tusting to remind participants of these details on the email list.

2b.   Linguistic Ethnography Seminar 2003

Site: Two potential sites were offered.   Edge Hill (Jo Arthur) and University of Southampton.   Both sites to get back to steering committee within a month with potential dates for further discussions.

Action: AC to contact Jo Arthur with this information.

Topic: see ii above.   Further discussion at BAAL 2002.

3. Email and Website

KT reported on the commercialisation of Yahoo.   Agreement was reached that the server should be changed to Lancaster.

Discussion of making information about Linguistic Ethnography SIG easier to access via the BAAL homepage.

Action: KT to do this and inform participants on email list of change of server.   Also to contact Paul Thompson to request more explicit link to LE SIG information.

4. Contacts with other groups and organisation.

This was cut short in the interests of time.

Meeting ended 3.25.   Minutes to be posted on website?