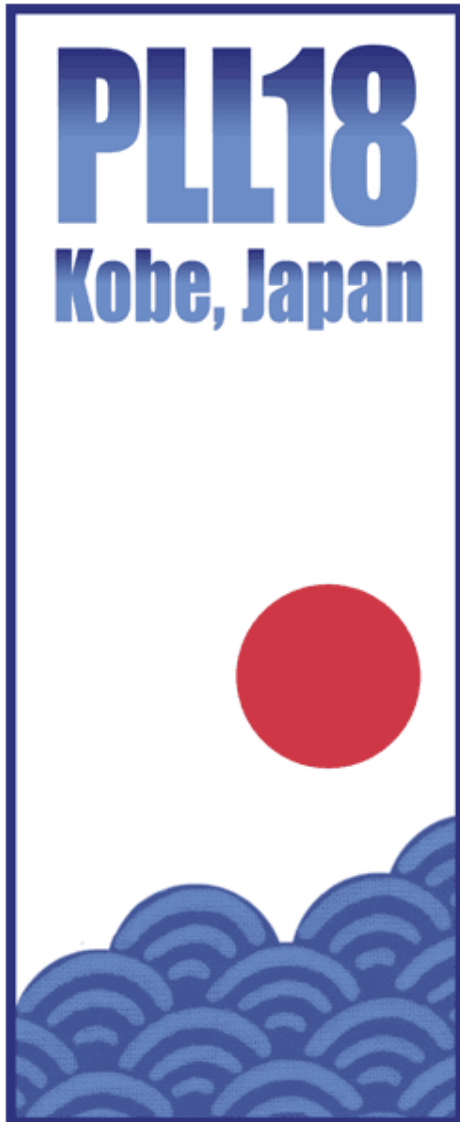


Looking ahead....



The 18th Pragmatics and Language Learning conference

We are pleased to announce that the PLL conference will be held in July 2010 at Kobe University.

PLL is the world's premier research forum for pragmatics in second language contexts, and this will be the first time the conference has been held outside the US.

The last conference took place in Hawai'i in 2007 and featured 111 presentations that addressed a broad range of topics in pragmatics, discourse, interaction and sociolinguistics and their relation to foreign language learning, education and use. That event drew 279 attendees from around the globe and we are anticipating that the 2010 conference will be a similar success.

The plenary speakers will be Dr Amy Snyder-Ohta, (University of Washington) and Dr Carol Rinnert (Hiroshima City University). There will also be a variety of workshops and panel discussions that will be of interest to any teacher working in the area of language-in-use.

The deadline for presentation proposals is 15 January, 2010. We are particularly looking forward to receiving from members of the Pragmatics SIG, so that they can show the

world what Japan is doing in the field.

For more information on the conference, please see the conference website at <http://www.pragsig.org/pll/> or contact the conference organizers; Tim Greer, Donna Tatsuki and Yuriko Kite.