Dear ISLE7 attendees,

The countdown has started with only 10 more days to go until ISLE7 kicks off!

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This information is also all included in the first circular pdf attached.

1.   Consent form (copyright statement)

All attendees, both onsite and online, must **sign the [consent form](#) as soon as possible if you have not already done so.** You can use the consent form link included in this document or follow the link provided on the ISLE7 website (https://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/isle7).

2.   Book of Abstracts

The draft of the Book of Abstracts is available via this link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kqxcMe5HjNo8P5ww4nfKU6__wy4IQDJRVI3-G3StBIk/edit?usp=sharing

If you want to **revise your abstract**, please feel free to do so in the Google Doc **following the style guide** provided after the title page.
Please **do not change any other abstracts and do not change the header of your talk (including the title)**.
Please do not make any additional edits after June 12.

3.   Program updates

Please find the (semi-final version of the) program attached - the program that you can download on the ISLE7 website is unfortunately not fully up-to-date (we are updating it shortly) (https://languages-cultures.uq.edu.au/isle7).

Important: we are aware that the time difference is not ideal for presenters in Europe, but unfortunately it is not feasible for us to accept any further requests to adjust the program.

Please remember that all times are **Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)** which is 10 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) (8h ahead of German time)!

4.   Post-Conference Activities

After the conference presentations, there will be free post-conference activities that onsite participants can join. We will provide sign-up sheets during the conference. The joint post-conference activities are
- **A Marvelous Brisbane City Botanical Gardens Walk**
- **A Beautiful Ferry / CityCat Trip to Bretts Wharf and Hamilton**
- **A Fabulous Queensland Museum Visit with a Subsequent Unforgettable South Bank Stroll**

Please do join us in one of these activities to chat and wind down form all the conference hullabaloo of the previous days.

5.   Talk Delivery

Talks and presentations will be presented via the following delivery methods:

- Live / on site (this will be zoomed to online attendees and recorded)
- Present online via Zoom
- Submit recordings and they will be played (by the chair). We ask that presenters be available during your talk for the Q&A. **If you do not want to present live (onsite or online), please send in recordings either directly or a download link to isle7@uq.edu.au asap and with the following format as the title: last name of first author_full title of talk.**

So far, we have received the following recordings:

- Allan_Fuck gets the royal imprimatur
- Bernaisch_Empirical traces of the pragmatic nativisation of Sri Lankan English
- Berner_The very problem - the problem of using very as a diagnostic for lexicality
- Dollinger_On unaddressed bias
- Flores_Morphologically complex words production, testing and processing in English learners
- Hirano_A Linguistic Change and its Directional Shift among British Residents in Japan
- Jorgensen_Speech and gesture in the expression of caused motion events in Australian English

- Leclercq_May and might as post-modal markers of concession
- Margetts_Bring me a cup of tea and deliver those cattle - Lexicalisation and construction of caused accompanied motion in Australian English
- Mittendorfer_Discourse Functions And Placement_An Analysis Of Dislocation In English
- Poulton Burridge_Kinships of sound-to-sense in the senses Case study in the English Smell Lexicon
- Schuetzler_Variable vowel contrasts in Scottish Standard English
- Stvan_Forget what you know about eggs
- Vela-Rodrigo_A Phraseological Study Of Environment
- Zhou_A comparative study of rhetorical strategies and their influencing factors in the monologue verbal humor

Please get in touch and send through the recording asap if it is not in the list above but you would like us to play a pre-recorded version of your talk.

The links to recordings of sessions will be made available on the ISLE7 Slack channel (we will make the Slack channel available to registered attendees closer to the conference start).

6.   Online activities

For online participants we will offer online activities (**Table quizzes** and other engagement activities) as alternatives to onsite events. **Please make use and take part in the online activities to allow especially junior researchers to get to know other attendees and to connect with more established researchers.**

7.   Practical info for onsite participants

GoCard
Once you arrive at the airport, we recommend you buy a GoCard which you can use to pay for public transport. GoCards can be bought at the airport train stations as well as in many kiosks and 7/11 convenience stores.

Weather and clothing
In Australia, June is a winter month. This means that it is colder here in Brisbane than during the summer months (December to February). It can get pretty chilly although today we had 23°C during the day (but only 9°C at night). On average, day-time temperatures in June vary between 12-21°C (there are on average 4 rain days in June here).

Conference location
The conference will take place in the Gordon Greenwood Building (Building 32) on the St. Lucia campus of UQ. All conference rooms are on level 2 of Gordon Greenwood.

Public transport
Public transport works pretty well in Brisbane (apart from the driving style of the bus drivers which is something of an experience for tourists). You pay by tapping your **GoCard** on when entering the bus and tapping off when leaving the bus. Do not pay with cash and you cannot pay with credit card (unlike Sydney). The two nearest and easiest to reach bus stations/stops are **UQ Lakes** and **UQ Chancellors Place**. From both stops you can easily get to the conference venue within 5 minutes without haste.

Please do get in touch if you have any other questions or concerns.

8.   Technical set-up

We will use **Zoom** for individual sessions, talk delivery, and Q&As (see the program for the Zoom link BUT please do not try them out before the conference!). We will use **Slack** for socializing, announcements, and for getting in touch with organizers (as a more immediate alternative to email). The Slack link will be made available to registered attendees shortly before the conference. In addition, we will use Padlet as information boards and for online activities.

Do get in touch if you have any queries or issues.

Very best wishes from Brisbane,
The ISLE7 organizing team