

## Collocations and Idioms 1: The First Nordic Conference on Syntactic Freezes

University of Joensuu  
May 19–20, 2006

The conference is organized by the Language Departments of the University of Joensuu, and it will take place on the university's Joensuu campus.

Papers are invited in any area of research dealing with linguistic aspects of “non-free syntax”, e.g., collocations, idioms and fixed phrases, and the linguistic background of the papers may range from grammatical, lexical, semantic and pragmatic aspects of these expressions. In addition, presentations are invited from various methodological aspects of the conference topics (e.g., diachronic change, lexicalization, typology, corpus studies, on-line and off-line psycholinguistic methods, L1 and L2 learning and performance, contrastive analyses, and lexicographic issues).

Invited plenary speakers:

Cristina Cacciari (Modena): Collocations and idioms in language learning

Urpo Nikanne (Turku): Grammatical descriptions of idioms and related expressions

Michael Stubbs (Trier): Corpus-based studies on idioms and collocations

The conference language will be English, and the proceedings will be published in early 2007 as a volume in the University of Joensuu's Studies in Languages (for the titles published in this series, see <http://cc.joensuu.fi/linguistics/studiesinlanguages.html>).

One-page abstracts of maximally 500 words should be submitted electronically to [idioms2006@joensuu.fi](mailto:idioms2006@joensuu.fi) by

December 1, 2005

In your abstract submission please give your full contact information and also indicate your preference for the presentation mode: paper (20 min. + 10 min. for discussion), or poster.

Those wishing to organize a workshop at the meeting should submit a one-page description of their workshop theme as well as the abstracts of the presentations to the conference organizers by the same deadline.

Notification of acceptance as well as the program, abstract booklet, information on accommodation and travel will be sent out by January 12, 2006.

Conference Fees: Regular 50 euro, Student 25 euro

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