

## **A second call for submitting a ReN's application proposal**

This is a second call for submitting a ReN's application proposal. The deadline is **Feb. 29, 2012**. The decision on the acceptance of the proposal will be notified to the ReN organizers by **the end of April, 2012**. The second call is made simply because the information about the ReN's application issued at the beginning of September, 2011 has not been effectively distributed and thus quite a number of AILA members said that they hadn't received such information.

### **Significant contribution of the ReNs in AILA**

Research Networks (ReN) are one of the unique features of AILA that are formed for promoting research and disseminating its research findings inside and outside AILA. Each ReN focuses on special topic areas of Applied Linguistics that have potential for new cross-disciplinary research. During 2008-2011, there are 12 ReNs which have their websites and actively organize conferences, workshops, etc.. Among them, eight ReNs had their respective symposiums in AILA 2011 which attracted a large audience. ReN is proved to be a very good platform for collaboration and exchange between young and senior researchers across countries and regions. We hope to have more ReNs during 2011-2014.

### **Criteria for setting up a ReN**

ReNs exist for three years and can be renewed. Applications are required every three years by the criteria listed below:

- at least five members, some of whom should be new scholars;
- multinational composition with universities from at least three countries;
- participants are active in the research area of the ReN
- a research area pertaining to applied linguistics;
- a commitment to fill a ReN symposium slot at the AILA Congress three years hence;
- a report of the activities of the last three years if your ReN is seeking renewal

### **ReN's proposal format**

The proposal should consist of

- a statement concerning the scope of the ReN,
- a list of the participants of the ReN and their affiliation,
- a plan for ReN activities for the upcoming three years, and
- a design for a ReN symposium at the 17<sup>th</sup> AILA Congress

Applications to set up a ReN should be directed to the AILA ReN Coordinator and they are reviewed by a ReN committee.

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