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REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN EVOLUTIONARY LINGUISTICS

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The 14th International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics (CIEL-14, 第十四届演化语言学国际研讨会) was held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) during August 3–5, 2023. Organized by the Research Centre for Language, Cognition, and Neuroscience and the Department of Chinese and Bilingual Studies at PolyU, the event brought together scholars and students from 40 universities and institutions worldwide, including those from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, the United States, Australia, and Korea. The conference featured a rich program comprising six keynote speeches, 14 invited talks, and 45 oral and poster presentations. These were organized under four major themes: cognitive neuroscience and language development, diachronic study of language, synchronic study of language, and review. Both Chinese and English served as the working languages of the conference. For more details about CIEL-14, please visit: https://www.polyu.edu.hk/cbs/rclcn/conferences/ciel14/welcome/.

The 15th International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics (CIEL-

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15, 第十五届演化语言学国际研讨会) was held at Hunan University (HNU) during July 12–14, 2024. The conference was organized by School of Foreign Languages of HNU, and co-organized by the Shenzhen Institute of Neuroscience. Over 400 experts and students, mainly from 127 universities and institutions participated, representing regions including Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, as well as the United States, Australia, Japan, Poland, and Indonesia. The three-day event featured 13 keynote speeches, 14 invited speeches, 85 oral presentations and 99 poster presentations. Topics spanned nine major topics: 1) the proto-language of Chinese and other languages, 2) language development in typical and atypical populations, 3) ageing and language degradation, 4) the (co)evolution of language and music, 5) language, cognition, and the brain, 6) dialect formation and evolution, 7) diachronic and synchronic study of language, 8) evolution of large language model, and 9) other language-related research (such as second language acquisition). Both Chinese and English were the working languages of the conference.

Finally, on behalf of the CIEL-15 organizing committee, Fei Chen announced that the 16th International Conference in Evolutionary Linguistics (CIEL-16) will take place at Yanbian University during 4–6 July, 2025. For more details about CIEL-15, please visit http://www.ciel-15.com.