



**6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
ENDANGERED AND LESSER KNOWN LANGUAGES  
(ELKL-6)**



**SCHEME FOR PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES  
(SPPEL)  
CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF INDIAN LANGUAGES  
MANASAGANGOTRI, MYSURU - 570006**

**“LANGUAGE ENDANGERMENT AND LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION:  
POLICIES, PLANNING AND PRACTICES”**

**21 – 23 FEBRUARY 2018**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**About SPPEL**

The Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL) was instituted by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India in 2013. The primary objectives of this Scheme are to document and archive the endangered languages of India. The scheme is monitored by Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL). The CIIL has collaborated with several academic institutions across the country for accomplishing this mission. Initially SPPEL has identified 117 languages to document and archive.

**ELKL Conference Series**

The Endangered and Lesser Known Languages conference was begun to serve as a platform for academicians, researchers and members of speech communities to deliberate issues relevant to language endangerment and share their latest findings. This annual conference aims to create interest and awareness in lesser known languages and train young scholars in documenting endangered languages. The first ELKL conference took place at the University of Lucknow in 2012. The Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages, CIIL, Mysore is happy to announce that the sixth ELKL conference will take place at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore from 21-23 February 2018.

The Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL), CIIL and several other like-minded institutions across the globe are also working towards the sustenance of

minor and lesser known languages. Scholars, policy makers and community members have often expressed anguish for the dwindling future of the endangered languages. Arguably and unfortunately the issue of language revitalization has not attracted the attention it deserves from the researchers and policy makers. Efforts towards language revitalization are inevitable for numerous languages that are on the verge of extinction. Therefore, the theme of the 6th ELKL-2018 is “*Language Endangerment and Language Revitalization: Policies, Planning and Practices*”. Abstracts are invited for oral and poster presentations on original, unpublished and substantial research relevant to the theme of the conference.

### **Sub-Themes**

*We invite submissions on the following and related sub-themes:*

Documentation of endangered and lesser-known languages

Language ecology

Language endangerment scenario

Language policy and language planning

Language revitalization

Community’s participation in language revitalization process

Development of script and orthography

Mother tongue based multilingual education

Technologies for documenting endangered and lesser-known languages

Field ethics and case studies

Language archiving

Language contact, maintenance and shift

Linguistic human rights

**Key Note Speaker** : To Be Announced

**Plenary Session & Speaker** : To Be Announced

### **Abstract Submission guidelines:**

Abstracts of 750-1000 words (excluding references and data) in PDF format is to be uploaded by 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 using the EasyChair system at:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=elkl6>

Abstracts should be completely anonymous for consideration.

**Note:** One author can submit a maximum of one single-authored and one co-authored abstract.

Please send your queries if any to: [elk16.2018@gmail.com](mailto:elk16.2018@gmail.com)

### **Important Dates**

Abstract submission deadline	:	<b>15 September 2017 (Friday)</b>
Notification of acceptance	:	<b>1 November 2017 (Wednesday)</b>
Submission of full paper	:	<b>15 January 2018 (Monday)</b>

### **Publication**

An edited volume of the papers, key note address and plenary sessions of the conference will be published by CIIL. The concerned authors will have to modify their papers by incorporating the feedback, observations, comments and suggestions that come out during the presentation.

### **Travel & accommodation**

Travel allowances may be provided for out-station and invited speakers from India. Participants from other countries and those located within the city of Mysore may kindly arrange travel on their own. TA to eligible out-station participants will be considered as per CIIL guidelines and is subject to the availability of funds. Modest accommodation will be arranged in the CIIL premises, only for out-station participants.

**For further information on the conference, please visit [www.sppel.org](http://www.sppel.org)**

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