

Living Sources in Lexical Description

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Rough Plan of Meeting

- Today: What are the needs of the field
 - ▶ Nikolaus Himmelmann, Frank Seifart, Martin Haspelmath
- Tomorrow: Practical aspects (social & technical)
 - ▶ Jeff Good, Sebastian Nordhoff, Dafydd Gibbon

Living Sources

- Infrastructure for publishing scientific data
- Availability, Traceability, Persistence
- Quality Control, Peer Review
- Citability, Recognition
- Changeability, Revisions

Perceived Problems

- Feeling that data is not ready for dissemination
- Fear of plagiarism
- Fear for blame about errors
- Loss of primacy of discovery
- Limited scientific recognition

Lexical Data

- First attempt to implement the Living Sources approach
- In principle open for different kinds of lexical data
- In practice first only one field: language documentation and description
- “Dictionaries of the World’s Languages”

Submission

- Publication (i.e “making available”) independent of the assessment of the quality (“peer review”)
- Three stage process:
 - ▶ After submission → “draft”
 - ▶ After technical check → “Word’s of the World”
 - ▶ After peer review → “Dictionaries of the World’s Languages”
- Different fields can install their own peer review with their own ‘branding’

Citation

- Whole submission ↔ book/article
- Individual entries ↔ page in a book/article
- Additions/comments ↔ personal communication
- Collection of data points ↔ multi-author work