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The Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics will meet in Baltimore, Maryland, January 8-9, 2010, in conjunction with the 84th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America at the Hilton Baltimore
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Partial funding is available for eligible students (see note below regarding financial aid).

Abstracts on the phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, lexicon, social aspects of language, history of the discipline, education or any pertinent issue involving pidgin and creole languages or other contact languages are invited for anonymous review by a five member panel.

1. **Word limit**: An abstract (including a bibliography or examples, if needed) must be no more than 500 words. Please note the word count at the bottom of the abstract. Except for the instructions given below, no special form or format is needed for this initial submission of the abstract (as specified in §5 below, a shorter abstract will be requested at a later date from authors of accepted papers).

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6. **Sample abstract**: A sample abstract outline is given towards the bottom of this message.

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7. State the contribution to linguistic research made by the analysis.

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FINANCIAL AID FROM THE STEPHEN PECK FUND (for students)

Modest financial aid from the Stephen Peck fund is open to a limited number of students with financial needs, and who are studying creoles, pidgins and/or other contact languages, for the purpose of attending conferences of the SPCL. Priority will be given to students who are native speakers of a creole language and working within their own speech community.

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