

Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition

Guidelines for extending the regional scope SALC

These guidelines are meant for situations where neighboring countries that are not part of the Scandinavian Association for Language and Cognition (SALC) would like to join the association thus extending its regional scope. The prerequisites and procedure for making such an extension are as follows.

The prerequisites:

- 1) A country that would like to be part of SALC in the future would have to have a community of researchers actively working on research related to language and cognition. This community could constitute a national scientific organization related to language and cognition, but this is not necessary, if the researchers involved can otherwise be regarded as forming a scientific community.
- 2) The above mentioned national community related to language and cognition would be interested in becoming part of SALC and extending the association geographically.

The procedure:

- 1) The national scientific community of researchers related to language and cognition wishing to join SALC should send an application letter to the Governing Board of SALC, in which they a) express their wish to join SALC, b) specify the type of community they consist of, and c) explain what contribution the possible extension of SALC with their national community would make.
- 2) This application should be sent to SALC no later than three months before the General Assembly in which the decision about it is supposed to be made.
- 3) The SALC Governing Board will discuss the application and inform the membership of it no later than two weeks before the next General Assembly.
- 4) On the basis of the application, the Governing Board will prepare a proposal for a vote at the member's meeting.
- 5) A representative of the applicant community should be present at General Assembly to present and motivate their application. The decision to approve the application requires a qualified majority (two-thirds) of the members present at the General Assembly.
- 6) If approved, the applicant community will be de facto member of SALC. But since the extension of SALC regionally will require changes in the constitution of SALC, the Governing Board will prepare a proposal for amendments to the constitution to be voted on at the next General Assembly, normally after two years. First then will the applicant community become full member of SALC, with their own representatives on the board.