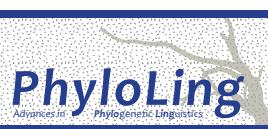


Meeting Darwin's last challenge:  
toward a global tree of human languages and genes

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# Advances in Phylogenetic Linguistics

Ragusa Ibla, Teatro Donnafugata

July 15-17, 2013

## PROGRAM



## Monday, July 15

10.00	<i>Opening</i>
10.30 - 11.30	<b>David Lightfoot</b> (Georgetown) Nothing in linguistics makes sense except in the light of change
11.30 - 12.30	<b>Giuseppe Longobardi</b> (York), <b>Andrea Sgarro</b> (Trieste), <b>Luca Bortolussi</b> (Trieste), <b>Giuseppina Silvestri</b> (Cambridge), <b>Andrea Ceolin</b> (Trieste), <b>Cristina Guardiano</b> (Modena e Reggio Emilia) The historical reality of parametric variation
12.30	<i>Posters</i> <i>Lunch</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
15.30 - 16.30	<b>Cedric Boeckx</b> (Barcelona) The locus of logodiversity: Implications for phylogenetic linguistics
16.30 - 17.30	<b>Peter Forster</b> (Cambridge) Reconstructing language prehistory using phylogenetic network methods
18.30	<b>Visit to Valle dell'Acate, Wine Reception</b>

## Tuesday, July 16

09.00 - 10.00	<b>Hilda Koopman</b> (UCLA), <b>Dominique Sportiche</b> (UCLA) Grounding the study of linguistic variation
10.00 - 11.00	<b>Silvia Ghirotto</b> (Ferrara), <b>Francesca Tassi</b> (Ferrara), <b>Andrea Benazzo</b> (Ferrara), <b>Cristina Guardiano</b> (Modena e Reggio Emilia), <b>Guido Barbujani</b> (Ferrara), <b>Giuseppe Longobardi</b> (York) Across language families: exploration in genomic and linguistic variation in Europe
11.00 - 11.30	<i>Break</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
11.30 - 12.30	<b>Russel Gray</b> (Auckland) To be announced
12.30 - 13.30	<b>Tecumseh Fitch</b> (Vienna) Glossogeny and phylogeny: ontogeny as the middle term
16.30	<b>Guided tour: Castello di Donnafugata, Punta Secca, Marina di Ragusa</b> <b>Dinner (on the beach), Lido Don Serafino</b> <b>Guided tour: Scicli, Modica</b>

## Wednesday, July 17

10.00 - 11.00	<b>Charles Yang</b> (Philadelphia) Predicting language change
11.00 - 12.00	<b>Theresa Biberauer</b> (Cambridge), Ian Roberts (Cambridge) Emergent parameters: hierarchies and phylogenies
12.00 - 13.00	<b>Anna Maria Di Sciullo</b> (UQAM) Phylogenetic trees, phylogenetic networks and microparameters
13.00	<i>Lunch</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
15.00 - 16.00	<b>Robert Berwick</b> (MIT) To be announced
16.00 - 17.00	<b>Robin Ryder</b> (Paris) A stochastic Dollo model of lexical change through time
17.00 - 17.30	<i>Break</i> (Teatro Donnafugata, foyer)
17.30 - 18.30	<b>Cristina Guardiano</b> (Modena e Reggio Emilia), <b>Alessio Boattini</b> (Bologna), <b>Stefania Sarno</b> (Bologna), <b>Marilisa Carta</b> (Bologna), <b>Donata Luiselli</b> (Bologna), <b>Davide Pettener</b> (Bologna) Insights into genetic and linguistic structures of Sicily and Southern Italy. First steps towards an integrated perspective
18.30	<i>Closing remarks</i>
21.00	<b>Dinner (Ragusa Ibla), Quattro Gatti</b>

## Posters

**A. Ceolin** (Trieste): Syntactic Trees and Parsimony analysis

**M. Irimia** (York): Non canonical, but still structural

**D. Michelioudakis** (York): Rethinking the syntactic status and parametrising possessive clitics.  
Evidence from the diachrony of Greek

**L. Pagani** (Cambridge), **A. Boattini** (Bologna): In search of the best measure for syntactic  
distances and their implications

**S. Sarno** (Bologna), **M. Carta** (Bologna), **G. Ferri** (Modena e Reggio Emilia), **M. Alù** (Modena  
e Reggio Emilia), **S. Tofanelli** (Pisa), **L. Sineo** (Palermo), **D. Luiselli** (Bologna), **D. Pettener**  
(Bologna): A patchwork of genes and cultures. Insights into the population history of Sicily and  
Southern Italy

**F. Tassi** (Ferrara): Early human dispersal from Africa. A model-based test of two hypotheses

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