Ideas for presentations

• components of documentation and prioritization thereof
• writing systems; orthography design
• collaborative vs. solo documentation efforts
• collaborating with a community; building community relationships
• elicitation methods
• field notes and (audio vs. video) recordings; data management; work flow; automating work flow, achieving greater efficiency while maintaining high quality data gathering
• archiving
• texts—glossing, disseminating
• dictionaries
• technology—FLEX, ELAN, ELpis, Saymore
• grant-writing
• revitalization: Ig death prevention; changing attitudes/building esteem re a language; designing and preparing pedagogical materials
• finding speakers/consultants

Things you might want to include in your presentation

Basic information about the language

• language family
• typological characteristics of the language or language family
• any areal phenomena
• previous work on the language or a related language
• other scholars currently studying the language or a related language, and your relationship

Graphics

• map showing the location of the language
• one or more photos of yourself in the field situation

Your investigation

• goal (or goals) of your field research
• funding sources for your project
• research accomplishments to date

**Consultants**
• number of speakers (or signers) of your language
• how you found your speakers
• their linguistic competence (languages they know)
• how you communicate (the language of your fieldwork)
• consultants’ strengths and weaknesses

**Personal issues**
Any tricky inter-personal/political situations with
• other linguists
• community members (e.g. do they like having linguists in the community?)
• speakers (e.g. jealousy among speakers)?
• the country

**Work flow**
• frequency of fieldwork
• note-taking methods, medium
• recordings
  ❖ audio and/or video?
  ❖ organization/metadata
• data organization (technology)
• archiving: where, how often
• anything logistically special about your field situation (e.g. power source, internet access, medical)

**Global**
• most difficult aspect of your fieldwork (linguistic, logistical, socio-economic)
• most enjoyable aspect of your fieldwork