

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: lg 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