Call for papers

IW-FDG-2015
International Workshop on Functional Discourse Grammar:

‘Derivational Morphology in Functional Discourse Grammar’

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The fifth International Workshop on Functional Discourse Grammar (IW-FDG-2015) will take place at the University of Córdoba, Spain, on 10-11 September 2015. As on previous occasions, the workshop will be devoted to a specific aspect of the theory – in this case derivational morphology – and serves two major aims: (i) the development and improvement of the theory of FDG (Hengeveld & Mackenzie 2008) in the area of derivational morphology and (ii) the publication of an edited volume on derivational morphology in FDG consisting of the papers discussed during the workshop. Previous workshops have all resulted in the publication of a special issue of a respected journal. To realize these aims, a special procedure is followed in the preparation and organization of the workshop.

Procedure and deadlines:
• **15 January 2015**: deadline for submission of an extended abstract (around 1500 words or four pages). Abstracts have to be directly related to the topic of the workshop (see below). Only one abstract will be accepted per author (with the exception of co-authored abstracts). Abstracts will be evaluated anonymously by the members of the organizing committee together with a member of the board of the Functional Discourse Grammar Foundation. The abstract should provide sufficient detail to assess the contents of the paper that will be based on it.
• **15 February 2015**: authors will be informed of the outcome of the selection procedure. Authors of selected abstracts will be added to a closed discussion list, to provide a platform for sharing and exchanging ideas, suggestions, data, etc.

• **1 July 2015**: complete first drafts due. Each draft will be reviewed by three other participants of the workshop and will be read by the remaining participants in preparation of the workshop.

• **1 September 2015**: internal reviews due. Comments will be collected/summarized by the editors and will be distributed among the participants in the workshop.

• **10-11 September 2015**: each paper will be discussed in detail during the workshop in a number of chaired sessions.

**The topic**

Derivational morphology is an underexplored area within the FDG model. Hengeveld and Mackenzie (2008) provide some suggestions for how to account for derivational processes and a number of works have been devoted to derivational issues (García Velasco, 2009, 2011; Honselaar & Keizer, 2009; Portero Muñoz, 2011; Genee 2013; García Velasco & Keizer 2014). However, most of the attention has been paid to specific cases of word class-changing derivation, synthetic compounding or conversion, while there are still many research topics within derivational morphology that deserve further consideration in order to offer a comprehensive approach to derivational processes, as recently acknowledged (Garcia Velasco & Keizer 2014). Deeper thought also needs to be given to the question of what characterizes a functional approach to derivational morphology. The aim of this workshop will thus be to contribute to the development of a unified and fully-fledged treatment of derivational morphology that is compatible with the explanatory principles of FDG.

**Questions**

The following list of topics may serve as an indication of the kind of issues that could be addressed. Any topic relevant to a functional treatment of derivational morphology is nevertheless welcome.

1. How should knowledge of lexical derivation be represented in the grammar? Should it be represented in the form of lexical derivation rules, and if so, how much and what kind of information should these rules incorporate? Which properties of the input and output lexemes are to be included? Should conceptual information be included, or that is a matter for the Conceptual Component only? How much flexibility can be built into these rules to accommodate unexpected formations?

2. How does the model account for different degrees of productivity of competing derivational processes? Are all processes treated alike (by means of lexeme derivation rules) regardless of their degree of productivity? What is the role of analogy in derivation and can, as proposed by Bybee (2010: 73-74), all rules be subsumed under a more general, cognitively based principle of analogy?

3. How does the model address meaningful derivation, that is, the creation of new *lexemes*? How should different types of roots be treated (such as those found in
neoclassical compounds, e.g. English *genocide* (dating from 1944), as well as very recent formations like *linguicide* and *epistemicide*, in blending processes (e.g. *cyborg* from *cybernetic + organism*) or in highly lexical affixation?) What degree of lexical content is required for a bound morpheme to be regarded as a root (that is, a lexical morpheme), and how could that be measured?

4. Should compounding be treated in much the same way as lexical derivation? Are all the different types of compounding processes which are found cross-linguistically accounted for within the model (cf. Hengeveld & Mackenzie 2008: 216-217)? Can all cases of synthetic compounds (e.g. English *sword-swallow*er) be treated, as is proposed in FDG, as being formed at the Morphosyntactic Level?

5. How can different types of non-concatenative morphology and subtractive processes be addressed?

6. What is known of the different stages of the acquisition of derivational morphology by children and to what extent are these predictable from the FDG approach?

**The abstract**
Anyone interested in participating in the workshop is kindly requested to let us know as soon as possible (at fg-fgw@uva.nl), so that we know at an early stage how many participants we may expect. Extended abstracts (1500 words or four pages) on any of the aforementioned or related topics need to be submitted by 15 January 2015 to fg-fgw@uva.nl. Please note that by sending in an abstract you express your willingness to take part not only in the workshop but also in the various preparatory activities specified above.

**The workshop**
During the workshops, each paper will be discussed in great detail during a number of chaired sessions. Contributors will be asked to give a brief introduction (approx. 10 minutes), after which other participants can ask questions and make suggestions. The aim of this procedure is twofold: it will help to improve the final versions of the papers and it will allow us to create a unified set of papers, which will enhance the chances of publication as a special issue or a thematic volume.

**Funding**
We are at the moment applying for funds in order to provide some financial support for participants in the workshop. Although we are hopeful that we will be able to obtain some funding, we recommend that participants apply for funding from their own universities.

**The programme committee**
The programme committee will consist of:
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The email address for all matters related to the workshop is fg-fgw@uva.nl.

References