

Dear Contributors, and Friends of SSWL,

You are receiving this email because you are registered as a contributor on the Syntactic Structures of the World's Languages (SSWL) database, or you have expressed interest in the project in the past.

We have excellent news: the SSWL database has officially migrated from <http://sswl.railsplayground.net/> to its newly configured home on Terraling <http://test.terraling.com/>. Thanks to Dennis Shasha (architect of the database), Hannan Butt and Marco Liberati (at the backend), and various developers and programmers listed on the website, the website was reprogrammed from scratch, and now has a greatly improved backend, user interface and administrative interface. Though further improvements necessary, we are ready to open it up to the community.

This is an important milestone as it allows the general linguistic explorer project to move forward!

Before explaining how to access SSWL and navigate the website, we would like to update the contributor information. Please reply YES to this message so we can follow up on returned emails, and missing replies. It will unfortunately be the case that many email addresses will be out of date.

New features: Terraling is set up in such a way that linguists can use the platform, with its powerful built-in search tools, to set up their own research projects: Terraling presently hosts not only SSWL, but three more datasets (in various stages of development): Anaphora, Universal 20, and Conjunction and Disjunction. The Conjunction and Disjunction Project (you can read about the project here: http://www.univie.ac.at/konjunktion/index_en.html) is past the pilot stage, and calling general contributors. Please send an email to Viola Schmitt (viola.schmitt@univie.ac.at) or Nina Haslinger (nina.haslinger@univie.ac.at) if you would like to contributor to this project.

The attached document explains how to access and navigate the Terraling site. A link to this document can also be found [here](#).

Please contact us at support@terraling.com if you experience any technical difficulties.

Property authors or wannabe property authors, please look over the structure of your properties (the text of some properties need to be be further adjusted and cleaned up which will gradually happen in the weeks to come), and let me know if you want to further develop the queries or delete some existing ones.

A second letter will follow toward the end of November. The letter will include the next steps in development (contentwise and in terms of administration/ community development), expanding properties, including more languages, recruiting contributors, creating research communities, and local communities, and a document on how to use search functions.

Very best wishes,

Hilda Koopman (et al.).