

## FOREWARD TO ILCMARC

The proposal has a history behind it. In 1989, after the Foundation came into being, the Founder and Chairman of the Foundation wrote a research proposal for investigating the origins of world languages and cultures from the earliest times to the present. It is a unique proposal because it ties together both the origins and development of early languages as well as early development and migrations of earliest cultures, thus giving rise to the potential to identify pathways that historical language users and their cultures took as they deployed around the globe.

The purpose of this research, as in all research, is to push back the frontiers of knowledge. There are three objectives that make the research innovative. First, it employs Diachronic Linguistic Methods for investigation of the origins of world languages, their connected cultures and their transitions to locations around the world. Second, it establishes an interactive museum for languages and cultures (from past to present) as well as a center for the conduct of applied, scientific linguistic research in all developmental aspects of world languages and cultures. Thirdly, all research conducted at the center has, as its primary objective and focus, the timely and usable dissemination of information and literature to K-12 schools and universities.

Miriam Aguilar, Treasurer and Director on the Board of the Foundation, took an early interest in the proposal. She subsequently gained approval from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Graduate Division, to use the proposal as her Master's Thesis. Ms. Aguilar successfully defended her thesis. Her contribution to the final ILCMARC proposal is significant. Two noteworthy additions included the setting out of specific performance objectives for each part of the mission of the museum and research center and, as well, providing a time-line and cost estimates for each phase in the development of the museum and research center. For this effort I am deeply indebted to Ms. Aguilar.

Lastly, the proposal, when implemented, will show historical and present connections between world language users and their cultures today. This means that all peoples are connected by their shared histories in languages and cultures over thousands of years.

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