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Dear colleagues,

The pandemic that affects us all is also leading to new initiatives.

This spring, CIPL joined the successful virtual event organized by Abralin, our Brazilian member

organization, Abaralin ao Vivo: <https://www.abralin.org/site/eventos-por-categoria/abralin-ao-vivo/>

On this site you can find dozens and dozens of online lectures by renowned linguists.

With the pandemic continuing, the Brazilian Linguistics Association, Abralin, recently opened an e-learning platform that offers free online courses in all areas of linguistics :

[ead.abralin.org](http://ead.abralin.org). In yet another effort to disseminate linguistic scholarship. CIPL joined

Abralin in this new initiative with great enthusiasm.

The platform has gained much attention since its opening. In the first week, more than one thousand people worldwide created an account on the platform. There are students from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and several countries in Europe and South America.

We want to invite our affiliated associations/societies to collaborate with the initiative by proposing online courses to the Abralin e-learning platform, which uses Moodle, one of the most powerful open-source LMS in the world.

The courses can be of any length and can cover any topic in the field of Linguistics. It can be an entirely synchronous course, with a limited number of students (this would be ideal for a more advanced course, for example) or an introductory course, with pre-recorded lectures (this would be ideal if one wants to reach a great number of people). It can also be a mix of both: pre-recorded lectures with some online meetings.

The e-learning platform's idea is to give a chance for people from all over the world to participate in courses with renowned linguists. We believe this will give the right set of circumstances for many of us to make new connections, foster new collaborations, and, most importantly, democratically advance the scientific study of language.

We hope you will be so kind as to disseminate this call under your members and colleagues.

If you have any questions, you can contact Abralin directly at [abralin@abralin.org](mailto:abralin@abralin.org).

We are looking forward to your responses.

Stay safe and healthy.

With warmest wishes,

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