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A note regarding the contents of this volume

The following papers were also presented at the conference, though they do not appear in this volume:

Steven Moran, "Endo- and exocentric compounding in Western Sisaala"

Paul Newman, "New findings about Klingenheben's Law: It's more nuanced and more interesting than we thought"

Ekkehard Wolff, "Encoding topography and direction in the verbal systems of Central Chadic Lamang and Hdi"

Foreword

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