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# Our heartfelt thanks to:

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# The legacy situation

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- I'm a strong believer in the past.  
- Gary Holton
- Many of you may not remember what it's like to be a YOUNG fieldworker.  
- Naomi Fox
- Most of us have some data in our drawers.  
- Östen Dahl



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# The vision

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- If we do **LOTS MORE** we get **MUCH POWER.**  
- Gary Simons
- It's encoded in XML because this is E-MELD and that's required to get in.  
- Alison Alvarez
- We tried to get into everybody's topic.  
- Dafydd Gibbon



# Toward terminology clarification

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- To be really user-friendly, we need a QBE for IGT. - Will Lewis
- This is a very paradigmatic paradigm. - Scott Farrar
- There are even archives that aren't archives. - Nick Thieberger



# On data

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- Sapir's Huichol data is atrocious, but it's **REGULARLY** atrocious.

- Joe Grimes

- Texts were not chosen randomly. I looked at a newspaper story and if I could figure out what was going on, we used it.

- Manuela Noske



# On data

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- If you put your data out there, people will begin to tell you what's wrong with it.

- John Thomson

- At first I felt blessed to have so much data. Then came the morning after effect.

- Manuela Noske



# On methodology

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- We use this to describe contested categorizations. I don't really understand contested categorizations but I can definitely describe them.  
- Calvin Hendryx-Parker
- In our annotation, the most frequently occurring gloss was the question mark.  
- Manuela Noske



# Tools

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- Protégé has a mind of its own.  
- Gary Simons
- CHILDES has 9 levels of access, but let's not go there.  
- Heidi Johnson
- LPath was produced by linguists for linguists, and it's hardly any use to linguists at all.  
- Thorsten Trippel



# The challenges

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- The trouble with technology is people.  
- Helen Aristar-Dry
- Everything with people in it takes time  
- Alison Alvarez
- Never underestimate people's ability to get out of something.  
- Alison Alvarez



# Inspiration

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- It's better to start with something that MAY work than not to start at all.  
- Thorsten Trippel
- Microsoft has changed the world.  
-David Robson.



■ This is a little bit of heaven.

- Julia Good-Fox

# On success

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- Linguists don't agree about linguistics. So what do we do? Well, ten people build an ontology, put everything we like in it. Three or four people understand it. And that's success. - Scott



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