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ANNOUNCING!

NOVO DEIT-LIBRAS, First Edition

A brand new Brazilian Sign Language Dictionary, which includes SignWriting. It will be published and available for purchase in one month, November 2009. To order in advance, or for more information, contact:

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The new NOVO DEIT-LIBRAS Dictionary contains 2,500 pages distributed in two beautiful large hardcover volumes. It contains an expanded lexicon of 10,000 signs from all Brazilian geographic regions, all of them signwritten.

I understand from Dr. Capovilla, that the dictionary explains research on a brand new and revolutionary paradigm on sign language lexicography based on cognitive neurosciences and neurolinguistics (instead of on mere linguistics) which includes a thorough analysis of morphological structure of Brazilian Sign Language and sign iconicity. In the paradigm, Dr. Capovilla explains why the new discoveries on prevalence of neurons in the cerebellum is so important to sign language lexicography and processing, which fits beautifully with right cerebral hemispheric processing when it comes to sign metaphors. The paradigm restitutes the broken line of sound sign language lexicography which was inaugurated by the very first sign language dictionaries of the world. The dictionary contains over 50,000 illustrations (most of them delightfully humorous in order to engage right cerebral hemisphere processing).

Work on a 2nd edition of NOVO DEIT-LIBRAS has already begun. It will include 1,600 brand new signs and will add 7,000 new entries. The second edition is projected to be published 2011-2012.

More examples from the First Edition of NOVO DEIT-LIBRAS will follow shortly. I am working on a new posting about the NOVO DEIT-LIBRAS publication. I really look forward to seeing these beautiful published volumes in November!

Thank you, Fernando, for the amazing work you do in Brazil!

Please see Artcover attached. This is the front cover, spine and back cover all in one piece... Val ;-)

