

# Minutes of the EuroSLA 27 Annual General Meeting, Reading

1 September 2017

## 1. Minutes of EuroSLA 2016 AGM in Jyväskylä

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record by the AGM.

## 2. Matters arising:

An amendment was proposed to the constitution regarding the Committee of the Association and membership of editors of EuroSLA's publications:

To reword from current: "The editors of the Association's website *and newsletter*, the Association's *Yearbook* and the Association's *Monograph Series*, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, shall attend Executive Committee meetings on an ex officio basis."

New wording: "The editors of the Association's website and social media, the Association's Journal (JESLA) and the Association's Studies Series (EuroSLA Studies), who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, shall attend Executive Committee meetings on an ex officio basis."

This amendment was accepted.

## 3. President's report (D. Trenkic)

DT expressed her thanks to the current and to all Eurosla organisers, ensuring the conference remains an excellent way of sharing and promoting the best of SLA research from around the world. She also thanked Language Learning for their continued support for the pre-conference Round Table, and to IRIS for supporting contributing members. DT highlighted the ongoing strengths of the Association through conference attendance, five doctoral conference stipends, Distinguished Scholar Award, JESLA award, ongoing social media presence, workshop applications and publications, and congratulated all award/grant winners (see below).

DT affirmed EuroSLA's commitment to open access publishing of excellent research, noting renewed interest in submitting papers, and thanking members' contributions of support and expertise, through advising, reviewing and production. She welcomed the inaugural volume of JESLA (see item 7), published by White Rose University Press; Sarah Liszka as Editor was warmly thanked for all her hard work ensuring its smooth publication on a very quick turnaround schedule, thus avoiding any chronological gap between the transition from printed Yearbook to JESLA's first issue. DT also noted that the Monograph Series had been renamed EuroSLA Studies Series, and Gabriele Pallotti was also thanked for his editorial work (see item 10 below).

DT finished by noting healthy projections for the financial future of the Association.

#### **4. Treasurer's report (S. Andringa)**

SA presented the report (see appendix below), showing a much reduced deficit compared to the previous year, largely in line with projections. Expenses were significantly down largely due to the move away from Yearbook costs, as discussed and agreed at the previous AGM.

Levels of equity (standing balance) at around 17,000 euros was noted as appropriate to cover annual running costs and ongoing commitments to Association's grants and awards, with a small contingency.

SA was thanked for his work as Treasurer; the report was accepted by the AGM.

#### **5. Committee elections**

In line with constitutional arrangements in election years, nominations had been sought for the Executive Committee before a 5pm deadline the day before the AGM. As usual, existing committee members were happy to be nominated for all positions for a second term, to ensure continuity of expertise. Sharon Unsworth was standing down as Vice-President. Roger Gilabert was nominated for the Vice-President vacancy.

Officers (re-)elected with no other nominations put forward:

President: Danijela Trenkic

Vice-Presidents: Alex Housen

Roger Gilabert

Treasurer: Sible Andringa

Secretary: Clare Wright

Ordinary members: 5 nominees had been put forward for 3 vacancies. Nominees' biographies were published on the Conference noticeboard, in line with election procedures. After a simple majority vote, chaired by Mike Sharwood Smith, the 3 ordinary members elected were:

Laura Dominguez, Marije Michel, Andrea Revesz

All committee members were thanked for their work for the Association, and new members were warmly welcomed to the EC.

#### **6. EuroSLA Doctoral grants (Jeanine Treffers-Daller & D. Trenkic)**

Five doctoral stipends of €300 were awarded to students whose abstracts received the highest scores in the reviewing process: Marisela Bonilla Lopez (KU Leuven, Belgium), Beatriz Gonzalez-Fernandez (University of Nottingham, UK), Nesrin Kutlay (Bogazici University, Turkey), Matthew Patience (University of Toronto, Canada) and Geoffrey Pinchbeck (University of Calgary, Canada).

AGM congratulated the recipients.

The team of doctoral student helpers from University of Reading were also warmly thanked with great appreciation for all their hard work

**7. Report on inauguration of JESLA; award of JESLA prize (S. Liszka, D. Trenkic)**

SL welcomed the first volume of JESLA which had come out in August 2017 and was available online (<https://www.euroslajournal.org/>); a high rate of submission was noted (24). Six of the published papers were from EuroSLA 26 (Jyväskylä, 2016), four from EuroSLA 25 (Aix-en-Provence, 2015) and one is a re-submission from EuroSLA 24 (York, 2014). As usual, papers had gone through a thorough blind peer-review process to ensure quality and rigour. The work of editorial board members and reviewers' help was greatly appreciated, and the continued speedy turnaround from submission to outcome was particularly noted. The White Rose University Press platform was acknowledged to have been helpful and the move over to open access deemed a success. SL reiterated the Association's commitment to open access by the scholarly community as an important aid for dissemination of members' research.

SL noted that the next call for the second issue would be circulated to members in October, incorporating presentations from EuroSLA 27 in Reading and EuroSLA 26 in Jyväskylä . The deadline for submission would be 12 January 2018.

DT presented the JESLA inaugural prize to J-M and L Dewaele, based on their originality and contribution to the field, and were congratulated by the AGM.

**8. EuroSLA workshops (R. Gilabert)**

RG presented his report. 6 excellent proposals were received, with a good geographical spread and thematic range; the two successful applicants were particularly clear in meeting key criteria of interdisciplinarity, involving early-career researchers and making an innovative contribution to the field.

The two proposals awarded were to Rebekah Rast, Marzena Watorek, Alina Godfroid, on "Pushing for precision on initial input processing in SLA: Are we speaking the same language?" held in Université Paris 8; and to Christos Pliatsikas on "Bi-/Multilingualism and the Declining Brain: Current evidence and future directions" held in Reading. Each had been awarded EUR500; EuroSLA support had been critical for supporting invited speakers' attendance.

A fresh call for workshop funding the next year had been included in members' packs, to be emailed after Conference and also available on the EuroSLA website ([www.eurosla.org](http://www.eurosla.org)). RG emphasized the scope of the award was principally to support small workshops, with an innovative theme, good participation, and encouragement of ECRs. He also underlined that collected papers arising from workshops would be welcomed as potential book proposals for the EuroSLA Studies Series. Call deadline was **31 October 2017**. RG was thanked for his continuing work on the workshops.

#### **9. DSA report and announcement (F. Myles)**

Mike Sharwood Smith was congratulated on his award (presented to him the previous day). FM reminded members of the scope and process for future DSA nominations (see also website). An email call would be circulated in coming months, in time for the EC to decide the winner at its February meeting.

#### **10. EuroSLA Studies Series (G. Pallotti, A. Edmonds)**

GP noted 2 excellent incoming proposals for the EuroSLA Studies Series (formerly Monograph series). Members were encouraged to submit further proposals, especially for edited thematic volumes, proceedings of EuroSLA-supported workshops and conference colloquia. Members were reminded of the quick turnaround and rigorous editorial/reviewing process; also the broader value of dissemination through open access publication to help maintain and build the field of scholarship in second language research. As agreed at the last AGM, the Series was now published through Language Science Press, ensuring books could be printed or viewable online; they also remain freely downloadable from the EuroSLA website.

AE reiterated that new submissions would be welcome; members were thanked for all their help in reviewing and supporting publication, but fresh offers of support would be welcome on editorial assistance, proofreading, expert advice e.g. on statistics. GP and AE were thanked for their hard work on the Series.

#### **11. Website and social media (M. Schmid)**

MS reported ongoing lively presence through website updates and social media, including a greater use of Twitter for the current conference; there were over 300 followers on FB and members were encouraged to share the group with others to boost dissemination. She noted that calls for papers, symposia and other items of interest to members which fell outside core EuroSLA business (e.g. EuroSLA conferences, funded workshops, EuroSLA publications) should be circulated through the website and social media and were assured of a rapid upload of any items sent to her or via the Secretary. MS was thanked for all her ongoing help and support.

#### **12. EuroSLA Conferences**

##### **a) Oral report on Eurosla 27, Reading (Jeanine Treffers-Daller)**

JTD noted a total of 328 registrations, of whom 128 were students, and including Round Table and plenary speakers, local organizing committee and student helpers. 148 presentations (55% acceptance rate), 30 papers for the doctoral workshops, and 36 posters (69% acceptance rate). Other doctoral submissions had been accepted as posters. 16 had registered with an IRIS reduction.

SoftConf review and registration system had been successful, especially to speed up the reviewing process; JTD thanked all the reviewers for their swift turnaround.

She also noted the use of a new dedicated App – this was broadly successful and had been used and appreciated by many attending members.

- b) Update for EuroSLA 28, 2018, Münster, France (Christine Dimroth)  
CD confirmed that dates would be 5-8<sup>th</sup> September. She highlighted that the website is live (<http://www.uni-muenster.de/EuroSLA/>). Keynote speakers were confirmed as Raphael Berthele, Claudia Felser, Johanne Paradis, Marianne Starren, and plans with Language Learning well in hand for the Round Table. The Conference Organisation Agreement was signed.
- c) Proposal to host EuroSLA 29, 2019, Lund (Marianne Gullberg), 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August  
Lund's proposal was formally accepted by the AGM, and the Conference Organization Agreement signed.
- d) Intent to host EuroSLA 30, 2020, Barcelona (Carmen Muñoz)  
Barcelona's intention to host was welcomed, and the organising team were invited to submit a proposal to the next AGM.

### 13. AOB

None

Members were thanked for attending and the meeting was closed.

### Appendix: Financial Report to AGM

EUROSLA FINANCIAL REPORT Summary, August 20, 2017					
Regular account 42.29.99.806		€	2,880.70		
Savings account 43.02.14.359		€	16,272.71		
<b>End Balance August 10, 2016</b>		€	<b>19,153.41</b>		
<b>Income</b>	<b>projected</b>		<b>realized</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>projected realization</b>
Jvaskyla membership fees	€ 14,000.00		€ 13,825.00	Yearbook printing costs (E25 per copy)	€ 8,750.00 € 8,798.00
Additional membership fees			€ 440.00	Yearbook editorship fee	€ 1,750.00 € 1,700.00
Interest			€ 12.37	Workshop grants	€ 1,000.00 € 1,720.00
JESLA APCs			€ 400.98	Student stipends Eurosla conference	€ 1,500.00 € 0.00
				Monograph typesetting costs	€ 1,000.00 € 0.00
				Webhosting costs	€ 60.00 € 148.71
				Prizes and fee waivers	€ 750.00 € 0.00
				EB running costs	€ 2,500.00 € 2,511.07
				Bank fees	€ 275.00 € 145.05
				Reimbursed membership fees	€ 100.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>€ 14,000.00</b>		<b>€ 14,678.35</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>€ 17,585.00 € 15,122.83</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>-€ 3,585.00</b>		<b>-€ 444.48</b>		
Regular account 42.29.99.806		€	1,423.85		
Savings account 43.02.14.359		€	17,285.08		
<b>Balance per August 20, 2017</b>		€	<b>18,708.93</b>		