



## BAAL AGM

1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, Great Hall, University of Leeds, 5-6pm

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## **Chair's Report**

The last year has seen a lot of BAAL EC activity, and I am very grateful to EC members for their dedication and energy through this time. Particular areas of activity include:

### **Research Excellence Framework (HEFCE) consultation**

On behalf of BAAL I submitted a response to the HEFCE consultation on the Research Excellence Framework 2021. EC members Fiona Copland, Angela Creese, and Emma Marsden contributed valuable feedback on my draft responses to the consultation questions, and UCGAL, LAGB and BAAL discussed our responses in advance of submission, to ensure that we were co-ordinating key messages. The BAAL response can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the BAAL website.

### **Statement in connection with Britain's withdrawal from the European Union**

In February the Chairs/Presidents of Learned Societies connected with language education and research sent a letter to key Ministers and Secretaries of State, outlining our concerns about the impact of Brexit on the UK's engagement with linguistic issues. We drew particular attention to implications for international mobility (for staff, students, researchers) and study abroad programmes, language education policy (from primary to higher education), language skills resource, and the role of language knowledge and research in international networks and endeavours. The full text of the letter can be found on the BAAL website under the 'Resources' tab.

### **Award nominations**

On behalf of BAAL I submitted a nomination from BAAL for Susan Hunston to serve a second term as Member at Large on the AILA Executive Board. Susan was successfully re-elected in the first round of the ballot, held at the AILA congress in Rio in July, and she will continue in her role for a further three years. As a Member Society of the Academy of Social Sciences, we have responded to each of the 6-monthly calls for nominations for AcSS Fellowships, and are delighted that our nominations of Angela Creese and John Knagg were successful in 2016-17.

### **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary BAAL conference**

To mark this milestone, I have, in consultation with the EC and with the Leeds conference team, arranged a roundtable event at the 2017 conference at which former Chairs of BAAL will speak about the role of BAAL and applied linguistics in broad social and political contexts. The conference also sees the launch of an updated history of BAAL: Greg Myers, commissioned by the BAAL EC, has written a 1997-2017 update to Ros Mitchell's *Notes on the History of the British Association for Applied Linguistics, 1967–1997*.

### **Membership and website**

We have undertaken a revision and refreshment of our website presence and membership protocols; new officers Jess Briggs and Richard Smith, together with former web editor

Martin Edwardes, have made excellent progress with this, consulting me and other EC members as appropriate. The new website is at <https://baal.org.uk>. In terms of membership, we have maintained the subsidised subscription rate for students and unwaged, and have included a voluntary donation section on the website, with a gift aid option.

### **BAALmail**

The EC has revised the guidelines for using BAALmail, and these are posted on the new website. In the few cases where BAALmail posts do not adhere to these guidelines, I have communicated with individual senders.

### **Other activities**

I have continued to consolidate BAAL's relationships with partner organisations, and to work with the EC members to build the financial health and public visibility of the organisation. I am grateful to EC members and BAAL representatives on affiliate organisations for their on-going support and commitment to the Association.

**Tess Fitzpatrick, August 2017**

## **Secretary's Report**

### **Update:**

Since the May meeting I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks and queries to BAAL and have managed the process of past and future changeover of the executive membership and helped new members settle into their posts. I have also reviewed two books for the book prize.

### **Leeds University 2017 conference:**

There will be 2 Ordinary Member posts coming up for election in September. The following 2 officer posts will also become available. Note: those currently standing in these roles are permitted to stand for a second term should they want to.

- Treasurer
- Publications Secretary

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought. I will coordinate these elections during the conference (the elections will take place as part of the BAAL AGM on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September).

### **Thank you:**

I would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing officers and ordinary members for the hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the EC.

**Dawn Knight, August 2017**

## Treasurer's Report

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017

	2017		2016
	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Membership Subscription	<b>38,322</b>		39,624
Bank interest	<b>16</b>		15
Book Prize Entries	<b>180</b>		205
Royalties	<b>70</b>		-
Surplus - Conference	<b>10,105</b>		1,538
Miscellaneous Income	-		1,910
Donations Re: Chris Brumfit	<b>150</b>		300
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	<b>2,654</b>		832
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		<b>51,497</b>	44,424
 <b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Book Prize/ Poster prize	<b>100</b>		300
Linguistics Olympiad	<b>2,110</b>		2,000
BAAL Scholarship	<b>3,731</b>		1,770
Applying Linguistic Fund	-		4,705
Dovetail Admin Fees & Expenses	<b>12,574</b>		10,741
Executive Committee Meetings expenses	<b>4,198</b>		3,895
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subs.	<b>5,043</b>		5,302
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	<b>1,500</b>		3,070
Insurance	<b>623</b>		632
Bank Service Charges	<b>360</b>		617
Conference expenses	-		200
Postage, Publication & Printing Costs	<b>56</b>		476
Website Costs	<b>417</b>		57
Accountant's Fees	<b>825</b>		775
Books for Africa	-		708
Sundry expenses (Allowable)	-		35
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		<b>31,537</b>	35,283
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<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>19,960</b>	<b>9,141</b>
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**BALANCE SHEET**

**31 MAY 2017**

<b>Note</b>	<b>2017</b>		<b>2016</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Other debtors	<b>15,348</b>		15,632
Bank deposits	<b>48,005</b>		43,233
Cash at bank	<b>43,845</b>		28,323
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	<b>107,198</b>		<b>87,188</b>
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<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued expenses	<b>825</b>		775
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>106,373</b>	<b>86,413</b>
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<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>			
Balance brought forward		<b>86,413</b>	77,272
Net surplus for the year		<b>19,960</b>	9,141
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Balance carried forward		<b>106,373</b>	<b>86,413</b>
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**Steve Morris, August 2017**

## Meetings Secretary's Report

of BAAL's annual conference. In this report, I am going to outline the organisation and the latest developments of BAAL 2017 and 2018.

### 1. BAAL 2017 Leeds (31 Aug – 2 Sept 2017)

BAAL 2017 has been organised by James Simpson and the rest of the team at Leeds. The conference theme is 'Diversity in Applied Linguistics: opportunities, questions, challenges'. Plenary speakers for the conference include:

- Benice Woll (University College London)
- Henry Widdowson (University of Vienna)
- Mohamed Daoud (Institut Supérieur des Langues de Tunis)

There is a Local Organising Committee invited colloquium this year entitled, 'Creative Inquiry and Applied Linguistics' which is chaired Jessica Bradley. Presenters include, Tony Crowley, Katja Frimberger, Min Huang, Sari Poyhonen, Lou Harvey and Katy Vanden, with Angela Creese as the discussant. The BAAL's executive committee and the LOC have jointly organised a special invited roundtable to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural meeting of BAAL. Five eminent members of BAAL who have all served as Chair of BAAL in the past, and within and beyond that role have shaped and steered our activities and profile, contributing significantly to the development and success of our Association are speaking about the relationship between BAAL and various areas of Applied Linguistics. They are Professor Ros Mitchell, Professor Mike Baynham, Professor Susan Hunston, Professor Greg Myers, and Professor Guy Cook.

Details about these can be found in the programme via the following link: <http://www.baal2017.org.uk/programme/>

Specific details regarding the conference budget are unavailable at present. We do know, however, that to 27<sup>th</sup> Jul we had 257 registered participants for this conference.

We received 440 abstracts this year. Circa 150 have been accepted. The EC, SIG members and other volunteers had participated in the review process. All abstracts were double-blind reviewed before decisions regarding acceptance was made. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the reviewers for their help in the abstract vetting process.

We have received a high number of scholarship applications. The 5 winners of the BAAL 2017 scholarships are to be confirmed. The scholarships help to pay for modest accommodation, within UK travel and registration for the students/ ECRs.

There are 7 SIG sessions running at the conference this year, as follows:

- (1) Linguistic Ethnography Forum,
- (2) Corpus Linguistics,
- (3) Language Learning and Teaching
- (4) Testing, Evaluation and Assessment,
- (5) Health & Science Communication Track,
- (6) Language and New Media
- (7) Intercultural Communication

In addition, the Language in Africa SIG is running a colloquium entitled 'The role of language in development in sub-Saharan Africa: as colloquium', while the Linguistics and Knowledge About

Language in Education SIG is running a colloquium named 'The challenges and opportunities of teaching patterns of language: which ones? And how?'. There will also be an inaugural event for the Language Policy SIG following the main conference.

A postgraduate event entitled, 'Struggles with Data: Stories from the Field' with Bettina Beinhoff (Anglia Ruskin University, UK), Khawla Badwan (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK), and Loreto Aliaga-Salas (Leeds University, UK) as guest speakers is scheduled. This is then followed by a research speed dating event. This is coordinated by Owen Minns (Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator) and the LOC.

The LOC is also organising a BAAL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to mark this special occasion.

More details about the above can be found at: <http://www.baal2017.org.uk/events/>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank James and his team for their effort in organising such a successful conference that marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of our organisation.

## **2. BAAL 2018 (6 - 8 Sep 2018)**

BAAL 2018 will be hosted by the team led by Chris Hall and Rachel Wicaksono at York St. John University. Plans for the conference are already well underway.

The theme of the conference will be 'Taking Risks in Applied Linguistics'. The LOC are in the process of inviting plenaries. More information will be shared with the BAAL community as soon as they become available.

Flyers detailing the conference venue, plenary speakers, pre-conference student event etc. have been put into the conference packs for BAAL 2017 and the head of the LOC will also make a short presentation at the closing ceremony of the conference in 2017. The first call for papers for this conference will be circulated by the MS in November 2016.

I have visited York in Spring 2017 to meet with the LOC and to discuss the way forward for BAAL 2018. During that visit I have also had the chance to look at the conference venue and the breakout rooms to ensure their suitability for the upcoming conference.

On behalf of the EC, I would like to express our thanks to Chris, Rachel and their team at York St John for their effort so far.

## **3. Expression of interest for future conferences**

We have received formal and informal enquiries from individual institutions and organisations about potentially hosting future BAAL annual meetings including 2019 and 2020. However, there has not been any concrete negotiation at this point in time. Further information will be passed on to the BAAL community as they become available.

## **4. Concluding remarks**

This concludes my AGM report for the year 2017. I look forward to continue interacting with BAAL members and others in the years ahead. Please also do not hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries regarding BAAL's annual meeting or if you want to host a BAAL conference in the future.

**Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, August 2017**

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

In May 2017 BAAL reached a landmark of 1,262 members - an outstanding achievement and valuable opportunity for further development. A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2016-17 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership! Currently BAAL has 552 full-rate individual members and 331 reduced-rate members (BAAL has 184 full-time students on board). There are additionally 24 individuals nominated under our 10 Associate memberships, and 112 individuals nominated by our 36 Institutional members.

Membership of BAAL carries a broad range of benefits, which are outlined in full on our new website, here: <https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/baal-membership-benefits/>. Do take a look at the new website at <https://baalweb.wordpress.com/> for the most up-to-date information about BAAL news and events.

Migration to our new website in 2016-2017 has been particularly beneficial from a membership perspective: the joining/renewing process has been significantly streamlined thanks to the expertise and hard work of our Website Editor, Richard Smith, alongside invaluable administrative support from Andy Cawdell of Dovetail. Our online application form and PayPal payment system are now integrated on one webpage (<https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/>), making it simpler than ever for applied linguists across the globe to join our ranks.

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you have a colleague or a student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the new website and sign up at <https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/>! BAAL always looks at new ways to support its members so please feel free to get in touch with me ([jess.briggs@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jess.briggs@education.ox.ac.uk)) if ever I can be of assistance. It has been an honour to support the important work of BAAL over the past year and I look forward to working with the BAAL Executive Committee and developing our membership in the coming years. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

**Jessica Briggs, August 2017**

### **Publications Secretary's Report**

To be received.

## **Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report**

### ***Postgraduate Facebook group***

The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We have over thousand members, 1,285 members (6<sup>th</sup> August 2017), which is an increase from last year's 1,119 members (18<sup>th</sup> August 2016). The group continues to provide a platform for networking for PG students involved in any sort of Applied Linguistics related research, from all over the UK and beyond. Members continue to share posts on conferences, research, seminars and job opportunities.

### ***BAAL 2016 Postgraduate event highlights***

#### **The Richard Pemberton best PG paper prize:**

Winner: *Sally Zacharias*

Title: *Knowledge About Language from a Cognitive Linguistics Perspective: What content teachers might want to know.*

#### **Best Poster Prize\***

Winner: *Kazutake Kita*

Title: *A Historical Keyword Analysis into Applied Linguistics: A Response to the Special Issue.*

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the EC members who assisted with grading and vetting the selected papers.

### **Postgraduate research forum and "Research Speed Dating"**

The PG forum was held at BAAL 2016 under the theme *Applied Linguistics and Linguistic Ethnography: Exploring Sociolinguistic Data*. The forum was organised by Elvis Yevudey, former Postgraduate Development & Liaison Coordinator and currently EC Ordinary Member. The forum was engaging and interactive. Thank you to the following guest speakers who contributed to the success of the forum by sharing their experiences: Fiona Copland (University of Stirling, UK), Wine Tesseur (University of Reading, UK) and Jai Mackenzie (Aston University, UK).

The forum was followed by the PG event dubbed "Research Speeding Dating", which had active participation from PGs and early careers. In this event, participants discussed an aspect of their research for 1-2 minutes with a partner before switching to talk about another aspect of their research with a different partner.

### ***BAAL 2017 Postgraduate events***

#### **The Richard Pemberton Best PG paper prize 2017**

The five highest-scored abstracts of PGs will be selected and the PG rep and two EC members will attend the presentations of these papers. There will be a review of the selected presentations and the best will be announced at the closing ceremony.

#### Postgraduate Research Forum and “Research Speed Dating”

The PG forum takes place on Friday, September 1, 11.15-12.55, in Room 1, University of Leeds.

Theme: *Struggles with Data: Stories from the Field*

Confirmed speakers: Bettina Beinhoff (Anglia Ruskin University, UK), Khawla Badwan (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK), Loreto Aliaga-Salas (Leeds University, UK).

In addition to the PG Forum, there is another PG event dubbed “Research Speeding Dating”, which is meant to give PGs and early career researchers the opportunity to present their aspects of their research to each other.

Owen Minns, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017

#### **Media Coordinator’s Report**

To be received.

#### **Newsletter Editor’s Report**

This has been my second year as BAAL newsletter editor. When I started in this role, one of my main goals was to increase the number of contributions to the newsletter; I did this by liaising with colleagues to generate more research reports. In addition, the newsletter now also features PhD research reports. This is to address the fact that a great number of BAAL members are research students and including their work in the newsletter is a logical consequence of this.

As a result of these efforts the last three newsletters were quite popular, judging by the very positive feedback I received after each publication date. I hope that this is an upward trend that will continue.

Book reviews, coordinated by Reviews Editor Chris Hall, are a very important regular feature of the newsletter. In addition to the ‘publications received’ list published regularly, it is also possible to select any book of interest in applied linguistics and review this. Please get

in touch with Chris Hall if you are interested in reviewing a book – whether it is on the 'publications received' list or not.

**Bettina Beinhoff, August 2017**

### **Web Editor's Report**

I have gradually constructed a new BAAL website at <https://baalweb.wordpress.com/> during the year since I was elected Website editor in September 2016. By the time of the 2017 AGM the 'old' website should have been closed down, and the new one should be fully functional and displaying at <http://baal.org.uk/>.

Many thanks to Martin Edwardes for his years constructing and maintaining the former website as my predecessor, and for his continuing work on it until now. He gave me detailed initial handover guidance but in the end I wasn't able to access or manage the old website at all. All the while, requests to update parts of the website were coming in. After a couple of months, I offered my resignation in case someone with better expertise than mine could be found but also suggested that, if not, I could construct a parallel site for latest news using Wordpress, while Martin maintained the old website. This was the path actually travelled till around November.

There had also, before I took up post, been some talk of BAAL getting professional help in constructing a new website, and Martin encouraged me to explore this possibility. I decided to take my lack of access to the existing site as an opportunity to try to construct a 'beta' new website using Wordpress around the blog which I'd already set up. I thought that by doing this I'd be able to identify, in consultation with the Executive Committee, what areas / types of content of the old site should be retained, and what kind of 'architecture' / 'navigation' would be clearest for a new site, thus making instructions clear and reducing costs if we were to get in professional help.

This process has been a gradual one, from December to August, and has involved quite a few changes viz-a-viz the old site, the most important of which are detailed below. Prior to this process (and prior to gradual shutting down of the old website by Martin as I transferred, updated or discarded existing content), paper as well as electronic copies were made of all existing website pages and files, and these were placed in the BAAL Archive currently housed at Warwick University. All changes have been carried out fully in consultation with those affected / with the BAAL Executive Committee, and one major change affecting members (cessation of the website's 'members only zone') has already been explained via BAALmail (on 31 May 2017), with a request for feedback (not responded to).

As things have turned out, what had been intended as a 'beta' site is fully functional and quite easy to maintain (by any potential successor, too), so - unless facilities are required which the old site did not have and which we can't achieve using Wordpress, or unless a more professional appearance is considered desirable – I now think it may not be necessary to bring in professional help after all. Indeed, continuing of Wordpress (at a cost

of £30 per year) means we can edit the site easily ourselves and are not dependent on external expertise.

I hope that BAAL members will express their opinions about the new site at the AGM or via BAALmail.

Apart from keeping cost to BAAL to a minimum, other main guiding principles I followed in redesigning the website were:

\* **Bring to prominence BAAL's own activities, resources**, etc. Whereas previously many kinds of event were advertised on the website, only BAAL / BAAL SIG news is now featured on the website. When approached, I've been suggesting that other events can be advertised via BAALmail. This brings BAAL's own identity to the fore as well as reducing workload for the web-editor considerably!

\* **Identify areas which seem to be particularly active within BAAL and feature those**, both in the form of news (on the front page) and as areas that require their own tab / space within the site. Accordingly, there is a wholly new area for 'Students', developed with the Postgraduate Student representative on the BAAL committee, since the postgraduate constituency within BAAL seems very active (e.g. Facebook page)

#### **Other changes made:**

\* BAAL's recent reports to Charity Commission, latest accounts, independent examiner's report on them and draft minutes of most recent AGM have been uploaded, for purposes of transparency, to an 'About' page.

\* There is a more prominent / easily accessible page about the Committee, with more comprehensive information

\* There is a new 'Resources' page, bringing together ethical guidelines, conference proceedings and other publications, etc. My current intention is for this to be only for *BAAL-produced* resources.

\* SIGs area with new architecture and new relationship with SIGs' own websites: Caroline Tagg (SIG representative on the committee) and I contacted all SIGs to encourage them to maintain their own websites, with my help if necessary (requested in a few cases). The BAAL website will link to these but will no longer attempt to duplicate their information.

\* Ending of password-protected members' area: Membership list to be offered in a different manner (see Membership Secretary's report); AGM minutes now open-access on 'About' page (see above); *BAAL News* back issues now offered as a resource to all (see below); publisher and journal discounts to be announced via BAALmail.

\* 'Links' page created for links to AILA, CLiE, UCGAL and UCML websites

\* 'BAAL News' page created for back issues as well as current issue of the newsletter

\* 'Baalmail' tab/page created, with updated guidance for use

\* 'Join BAAL' instructions have been simplified

\* A shared dropbox folder has replaced the previous website's Executive Committee password-protected area.

Expenses for the above: £370 in total @ £10 per hour was paid to a student for making print-outs of the entire old website, filing and cataloguing the photocopies in the Warwick ELT Archive, and downloading / uploading files in transferring content to the new website. £28 (annual fee) to Wordpress for our use of the domain name 'baal.org.uk' for a Wordpress website.

Note on title of website: Currently this is in English, followed by Welsh in same size font: "British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL) – Cymdeithas Ieithyddiaeth Gymhwysol Prydain. This replaces title in English followed by Welsh in smaller-size font on the 'old' website.

## **2. BAALmail**

New guidelines for use were drawn up by Zhu Hua / a small committee and placed prominently on the new website. The membership secretary established that some non-members still had access to BAALmail, though their membership had lapsed. We asked the BAAL administrator to be strict about removal, since BAALmail is a major member benefit. Within the committee, discussions were begun about possibly moving BAALmail to a more 'robust' and consistent platform (e.g. jiscmail).

Next year I will try to provide statistics for use of website and BAALmail as have been provided in previous years.

**Richard Smith, August 2017**

## SIG Coordinator's Report

We now have 13 SIGs, all of whom are currently active and healthy. A warm welcome to our two newest SIGs, Language Policy; and Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies (PAWBL), who were established this year.

- Corpus Linguistics
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- Vocabulary
- Language and New Media
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Intercultural Communication
- Health and Science Communication
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)
- Language Policy
- Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies (PAWBL)

## SIG events

The following events were held over the past year.

- 1. Health and Science Communication SIG workshop**  
*Experiences of illness and death: learning from the discourses of realities and fictions.*  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Open University
- 2. Corpus Linguistics SIG event**  
*Practical applications of regular expressions*  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at Coventry University
- 3. TEA SIG annual one-day conference**  
*Innovations in English for Academic Purposes (EAP) assessment*  
Friday 31 March 2017, University of Northampton
- 4. Language and New Media SIG seminar**  
*Language, social media and alt.realities*  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017, University of Reading
- 5. Language, Gender and Sexuality**  
*Language, discrimination and conflict (10<sup>th</sup> LGaS SIG meeting)*  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Nottingham University
- 6. Language in Africa SIG Annual Conference**  
*Language without Borders: Multilingual Communication in Africa and the Diaspora*  
Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, University of Reading
- 7. LKALE SIG**  
*Approaches to teaching grammar and knowledge about language*  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, University of Sheffield
- 8. Linguistic Ethnography Forum e-seminar**  
*The teaching of professional morality*  
1<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

**9. Language learning and teaching SIG**

*Celebrating diversity in language teaching*

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July 2017, University of Central Lancashire

**10. Vocabulary SIG Annual Conference**

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2017, University of Reading

**11. Intercultural communication SIG** – this event has been postponed until autumn 2018 because of low numbers

Please see the BAAL newsletter and SIG websites for reports on these events.

**BAAL Annual Meeting SIG tracks**

Nine SIG tracks ran at the BAAL Annual Meeting in September (excluding two ‘unofficial’ tracks for the new SIGs). This is up from the five tracks held last year, a rise which is due in part to the efforts made by the Leeds LOC (and particularly Emilee Moore de Luca) to ensure the smooth running of the process.

Language in Africa colloquium:	5 papers
Linguistic Ethnography Forum track:	6 papers
Language Learning & Teaching track:	5 papers
Language & New Media track:	6 papers
HSC track:	5 papers
LKALE colloquium:	4 papers
Corpus linguistics track:	4 papers
TEA track:	2 papers
Intercultural communication track:	4 papers

**Websites**

Thanks to the BAAL Website Editor, Richard Smith, all SIGs now have their own websites, which can be accessed in the first instance through our own BAAL website: <https://baalweb.wordpress.com/special-interest-groups/>.

**Caroline Tagg, August 2017**

## Seminars Coordinator's Report

### BAAL / Cambridge University Press Seminar Programme 2016-2017

Three seminars were put forward this year for £750 awards (plus floats): Sheffield Hallam University, Aston University and Liverpool University (details were in January report).

Two seminars have taken place and the last one is coming up in September. I have received reports from the two seminars.

Organiser	Venue	Seminar title	Date
Dr Karen Grainger and Dr Peter E Jones	Sheffield Hallam University	Challenging the pathologisation of non-standard language	April 23-24 2017
Elvis Yevudey and Colin Reilly/	Aston University	Minority Languages in New Media: Towards language revitalisation in Europe and Africa	27th – 29th April, 2017
Dr Laura L. Paterson and Dr Georgina Turner	Liverpool university	Discourses of Marriage	w/c 11 September 2017

***Challenging the pathologisation of non-standard language:*** This seminar took place at Sheffield Hallam University on April 24th 2017, coordinated by Karen Grainger and Peter Jones, Sheffield Hallam University.

The aim was to provide a forum for discussion, and a springboard for collaborative working, between sociolinguists, speech and language therapists (SLTs) and educationalists with a view to creating a network of scholars who are interested in the discriminatory practices and discourses surrounding alleged linguistic or communicational deficits of children from disadvantaged backgrounds and their families

The event was originally planned to take place over 2 days. However, because the event overlapped with the Easter vacation for some institutions, we had a smaller number of registrations than expected, so we cut it down to one day. This proved a successful strategy as we managed to meet the aims of the seminar but at a lower cost. There were 4 keynote papers (given by 5 speakers) as well as presentations from the 2 seminar coordinators. Time was also allowed for discussion between each of the papers and at the end of the day. There were 18 participants.

### ***Minority Languages in New Media: Towards language revitalisation in Europe and Africa:***

The seminar focused on emerging trends in the use of minority languages in new media within the European and African contexts. The European and African contexts differ in several aspects such as degree of linguistic diversity, socioeconomic development, political engagement in linguistic issues, education systems and quality of education. However, they are being affected increasingly by similar pressures resulting from globalisation, such as the use of new media and technology and the dominance of global or majority languages to the threat of minority languages. New Media refers to digital communication platforms such as online news sites, blogs, wikis, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and other Social Media. While often minority language issues are viewed as unique to specific locations, this seminar provided a platform to discuss and evaluate minority language issues through a global lens.

Over the course of two days, 18 participants based in 10 countries met to discuss the use of over 10 European and African minority languages in new media. The first day of the seminar was kicked off by our first keynote Jonathan Morris who spoke on New Media and Welsh-language Socialisation among Young People. Morris provided a general overview to the current sociolinguistic situation in the Welsh context followed by a thorough discussion of digital language policies in Wales and the emerging new media landscape for the language. He suggested that new media could provide an opportunity for nurturing positive attitudes towards the Welsh language through creation of relevant, interesting content for speakers.

Call for seminars will be sent out in September. Deadline for 2017-2018 proposal is 30 October 2017.

### **BAAL / Routledge Workshop 2017**

Three workshop proposals were received, and they were reviewed by a panel of five BAAL EC members, whose decisions were ratified by the Executive Committee. The workshop proposed by University of York was awarded the funding (£1,500). In addition, the proposal by University of Glasgow was awarded a repayable float of £500. Details of the workshops are below:

Organiser	Venue	Seminar title	Date
Dr. Fatma Said and Dr. Ursula Lanvers	University of York	Development workshop on Bilingual First Language Acquisition: Current theories and methodologies	4th-5th December 2017
Sally Zacharias, Dr Agnes Marszalek and Dr Marcello Giovanelli	University of Glasgow	Cognitive approaches to language in education	January 2018

***Development workshop on Bilingual First Language Acquisition: Current theories and methodologies*** will be organised by Fatma Said and Ursula Lanvers on 4th-5th December 2017 at University of York. This two-day research developmental workshop aims to bring together leaders and experts in the theories and methodologies of bilingual first language acquisition (BFLA) with postgraduate students, new and early career researchers to navigate

and critically evaluate current trends in this specific field. We aim to explore this topic holistically from its linguistic, scientific, sociolinguistic and sociocultural perspectives. This workshop aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the major theories and methodologies in the area of bilingual first language acquisition and allow postgraduate students, new and early career researchers to learn, update their existing knowledge, and importantly discuss their own ideas and receive feedback from experts and colleagues in the field.

***Cognitive approaches to language in education*** will be organised by Sally Zacharias, Dr Agnes Marszalek and Dr Marcello Giovanelli in January 2018 (date to be confirmed) at the University of Glasgow. The proposed workshop aims to:

- 1) Explore what recent research in cognitive linguistics can offer education. This includes language teaching (both L1 and L2) and content teaching at all levels of education; higher, secondary and primary.
- 2) Consider how the principles of cognitive linguistics can be best applied in teaching by sharing and demonstrating new methods and techniques.
- 3) Investigate the evidence that applying these principles can be beneficial to the learner.
- 4) Examine the obstacles in carrying out research in this area and enquire how these can be overcome.

Workshop information will be advertised through BAAL mail and website. BAAL EC representatives will be identified to attend these two workshops. Reports will be published after the workshop in the BAAL newsletter.

Call for 2018 workshop will be sent out through BAAL mail and available on BAAL Seminar webpage. Deadline for 2018 workshop proposal is 31 January 2018.

Many congratulations to the seminar and workshop organisers, and I am looking forward to interesting and innovative proposals.

**Li Li, August 2017**

### **CLIE Representative**

To be received.

## **Annual report to BAAL on *Applied Linguistics* journal\***

(please note that this report was added on 12 Sept 2017 – it follows and supplements the verbal report give at the 2017 AGM)

***Applied Linguistics, Oxford University Press***  
***Editors: John Hellermann, Anna Mauranen***

*Applied Linguistics* operates in collaboration with BAAL and AILA, and our annual BAAL reports include an update on the journal's activity:

- *Applied Linguistics'* latest Impact Factor has risen significantly to 3.593\*. The journal is now ranked 1st out of 178 journals in the 'Linguistics' category.  
\*2016 Journal Citation Reports® (Clarivate Analytics, 2017)
- BAAL now has a prominent place, alongside AILA, on the *AL* webpage - <https://academic.oup.com/applij>
- *AL* has received 331 submissions in the last 12 months. The acceptance rate (including Forum pieces and book reviews) is 15%. The acceptance rate for regular articles is 9%.
- A special issue edited by Junko Mori and Margaret Hawkins on 'Translanguaging' is scheduled for volume 1 of 2018
- *AL* invites the Chairs/Presidents of BAAL and AILA, or their representatives, to be 'Advisory Board' members; Tess Fitzpatrick and Claire Kramsch are currently in this role.
- There is good representation from BAAL elsewhere on the current editorial board: The Reviews and Forum Editor, Zhu Hua, is a BAAL EC member, and a high proportion of the Editorial Panel are also members of BAAL  
[https://academic.oup.com/applij/pages/Editorial Board](https://academic.oup.com/applij/pages/Editorial_Board)

Tess Fitzpatrick  
12 September 2017