



## BAAL AGM

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 3:40-4:40pm  
Zoom Webinar

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## Chair's Report

Since the last BAAL EC annual meeting, the world has changed significantly due to the COVID-19 outbreak. As the BAAL Executive Committee (EC), our priority is to think about how we can best support our colleagues and members through the uncertainty and disruption caused by the crisis. We have cancelled, postponed or moved online any planned face-to-face events and are working closely with partner institutions and associations to respond to matters as they arise and to contribute to consultative activities that relate to members of the wider Association. During the (online) AGM I would like to invite members to present their own ideas on what they feel the role of BAAL is (and should be) during this crisis, and how we can best support every one of our members.

I have spent the past 12 months period responding to general queries from the membership, EC and BAAL affiliates, establishing/maintaining contact with key partners and members, and considering strategic future directions for EC and BAAL in general. Some notable points/actions follow:

### **Cancellation of the BAAL 2020 annual meeting**

After some discussion with Caroline (Secretary), Alex (LOC rep) and members of my advisory team, on 4 April we decided to cancel the 2020 BAAL annual conference. It was our view that although the current COVID-19 crisis might have eased a little by September, there would likely be some long-lasting impact on travel, workloads etc. and it would be safer (and a little less stressful for all) to postpone the conference to 9-11 September 2021. We made this decision at the end of the call for papers period, so minimal cost implications will occur as a consequence of this cancellation (i.e. we haven't had to pay out too much as yet). The membership was notified of the following:

- All individuals who have submitted papers were informed that their submissions can be rolled over until next year. That is, when the call for papers is re-opened, applicants will be able to make changes to their current submission, add an additional submission and/or withdraw it, as desired.
- All plenaries and speakers of the LOC invited colloquium have agreed to contribute next year. The conference theme will be rolled over to next year, as will the venue; i.e. BAAL 2020: Northumbria will be BAAL 2021: Northumbria.
- The prospective hosts for BAAL 2021 have been contacted and confirmed that they can host in 2022 instead.

- The BAAL Book Prize will go ahead as planned, with the winner announced online on Friday 4 September. Their achievements will also be celebrated at BAAL 2021, when that year's Book Prize winner will also be announced.
- The EC elections will also go ahead online during the BAAL AGM, with the results announced on Friday 4 September.

I would like to note my thanks to Caroline, Alex, conference plenaries, the EC and the entire Association for being so understanding and flexible of this postponement.

### **BAAL 2020 alternative event**

Following the postponement of the Northumbria conference, plans for holding an alternative online event were discussed by members of the EC during the May meeting. Following approval from the EC, Mosaic (current membership consultants/administrators for BAAL) were recruited to help with specific aspects of coordinating the event, including registration (via EventBrite) and advertising. The free event, which includes the current AGM, aims to reconnect members of BAAL across the world during this trying time, to create a space for the exchange of ideas and to promote good research. Over 294 members had registered for this event by the time this report was written. The event comprises 7 talks from members of the following SIGs:

- LKALE
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Multilingualism
- Vocabulary SIG
- Corpus Linguistics
- Language and New Media
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum

The event also includes a session on publishing from Cambridge University Press, the BAAL book prize and the first ever BAAL quiz (with book prizes from a range of publishers – note: over 100 members have registered to join this quiz!).

I would like to thank Caroline, Helen, Kristina, Sal and Mosaic, in particular, for all of their hard work in putting this event together – let's hope it is a successful one.

### **Revisions to the BAAL Ethical Guidelines**

Over the past twelve months I have brought a team together to work on some revisions of the current BAAL ethical guidelines for research. I have been in contact with various individuals who have helped to generate some great ideas on how to take this forward - i.e. the foundations have been laid for this. Me, Sarah Atkins, Tim Grant, Kathryn Barber, Jai

Mackenzie, Elena Semino, Caroline Tagg, Tony McEnery, Fiona Copland and Paul Baker are all contributing to this.

I am hoping that a revision of the guidelines can be finalised (or at least provisionally redrafted) by the end of 2020, or early 2021. I hope to send an updated version to the EC for their approval in due course, this will then be presented to all members of the association.

## **ABRALIN**

With the Coronavirus pandemic shaping the ways in which we are able to exchange ideas, the Brazilian Linguistics Association (ABRALIN), in cooperation with numerous other organizations (including BAAL), organized a virtual event, ABRALIN ao Vivo - Linguistics Online – featuring lectures and panel discussions from distinguished linguists all around the world. The event was designed to give students and researchers free access to state-of-the-art discussions on the most diverse topics related to the study of human language during the lockdown period. The online series started on May 4th with Noam Chomsky and hosted several renowned linguists, such as William Labov, Steven Pinker, Dan Everett, David Crystal, Shana Poplack, Barbara Partee, Martin Hilpert, Mark Liberman, and Marilyn Vihman.

Having accepted an invitation to contribute to this initiative, I approached members of the EC for the names of individuals to represent BAAL as part of this event. Nominations were received and a shortlist was drawn up– for EC members to vote against. Tess Fitzpatrick and Li Wei received the most votes so I approached them and asked them to represent BAAL. They kindly both accepted – titles of their talks follow:

- **Tess Fitzpatrick:** Learning, sharing and losing words: Applying vocabulary research findings to real world challenges
- **Li Wei:** Trans-ling Language and Cognition: Debates and Directions of Translanguaging Research

The talks were held via Zoom in August 2020. Both talks were incredibly interesting, inspiring and very well attended. I would like to minute my thanks to Tess and Li Wei for providing a clear reflection of the breadth, diversity and quality of research carried out by members of BAAL through their brilliant contributions, and would like to thank ABRALIN for coordinating such an innovative and invaluable initiative. The lectures and discussions are all available online via ABRALIN's YouTube account: <http://youtube.com/c/abralin>.

## **UPDATES FROM BAAL AFFILIATES**

### **AcSS (Academy for Social Sciences)**

AcSS have been examining the key issues faced by learning societies due to the impact of COVID-19 (again, with an aim to provide better support for its affiliates). This was one of the

items on the agenda at the 28 April meeting, and has been the focus of a survey and some email-based discussions carried out to date. The following are some of the key issues that learned societies face (taken from the minutes of the meeting – with only those relevant to BAAL listed):

- A major theme was how to develop a **membership offer** that doesn't rely on an extensive meetings and events programme. The Academy is asking members to share thoughts and learning on this, including on hosting online events. This is to be discussed in the next meeting in September.
- **Insurance cover.** The academy is considering inviting a speaker to the next meeting to give general advice on taking out insurance cover, including for event cancellation.
- **Ensuring the social sciences contribute to the national debate about the impact of Covid-19.**
- **Advocacy in support of the HE sector.**
- **Early career networks.** The academy has asked members if they have early career network so they can put the networks in contact with each other, to help keep abreast of relevant issues being faced in the sector.

The Academy have also recently launched a COVID-19 research hub, which includes an overview of social science research and analysis taking place in learned societies and other organisations. The hub can be found at: <https://campaignforsocialscience.org.uk/hub-of-hubs-social-sciences-responding-to-covid-19/>. These resources are likely to grow over the coming months, illustrating the essential contributions of social science to immediate and longer term issues arising from Covid-19.

COVID-19 also took centre stage at the AcSS AGM on 30 June. The academy acknowledged that 'there is a greater need than ever right now for the Academy to promote and help safeguard the social sciences and its ecosystem: in terms of government policy, research funding allocations, student uptake and as universities and employers seek to respond to the intense pressures they face from a combination of Brexit and Covid-19'. This is something that resonates with BAAL and aligns to the concerns of the BAAL EC as well.

We are delighted that in October 2019 Fellowships of the Academy of Social Sciences were conferred on the following BAAL nominees:

- Professor Elena Semino, Lancaster University
- Professor Zhu Hua, Birkbeck University

Elena has an internationally heralded reputation for her work on the language of politics, science, literature and, most recently, health(care), with a particular focus on the role of

metaphors and narratives in framing experiences, views and arguments on topics ranging from cancer to climate change. She has been awarded the fellowship in recognition of her **'world-class contributions to different areas of linguistics, including: literary linguistics, narratology, cognitive linguistics, metaphor theory and analysis and health communication'** and for her **'interdisciplinary engagement and impact in a range of social science areas'**, particularly through her role as Director and PI of the ESRC Centre for Corpus Approaches to Social Science.

Zhu Hua has an internationally regarded reputation for work in fields spanning from bilingualism, multilingualism and intercultural communication to child language and pragmatics. In 2011 she was the first Chinese-born woman to become full Professor of Linguistics in the UK. Zhu Hua has been awarded the fellowship in recognition of her research which **'pushes the boundaries of linguistic and cultural theory, particularly with her work on Interculturality, problematising the 'cultural account' for mis- or non-understanding in interactions and emphasises the 'inter' nature of interactions'**, including her work on the AHRC-funded TLANG project.

It is very pleasing to see our discipline recognised in this way, and we would like to minute our congratulations to Zhu Hua and Elena Semino. The Academy of Social Sciences represents academics, learned societies and practitioners in the Social Sciences and promotes Social Science in the UK for the public benefit. BAAL is a long-term member of the academy, for more information see: <https://www.acss.org.uk/>.

Finally, we also submitted a Fellowship Nomination from BAAL in the June 2020 round and hope to hear back from them in around November 2020.

### **AILA (Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquée / International Association of Applied Linguistics)**

AILA and the local organising committee of the AILA 2020 Congress in Groningen decided to postpone the Congress to August 15-21, 2021 due to the COVID-19 crisis. At the virtual meeting of the AILA Executive Board on April 9, 2020, the AILA Executive Board (EB) voted unanimously to keep the composition of the AILA EB as is for one more year and to hold the elections during the AILA 2021 EBIC meeting. Nominations for EB positions will therefore remain open until May 31, 2021 and any new nominations will be added to the existing ones. The Nominating Committee is chaired by the Past President and is made up of two additional members: one EB member and one member of the International Committee (IC). National affiliates are entitled to nominate one or more candidates for election to this Executive Board. Elections are for three years, and are held every three years at the AILA

International Congress. I will contact members of the association for potential nominees to vacant positions on the EB.

I attended the online (Zoom) AILA International Committee (annual) meeting on 8 August 2020. The meeting predominantly focused on the format and timing of future AILA world conferences, given that Groningen has had to be cancelled as a result of COVID-19 (it was due to take place in August 2020). Two new member organisations were admitted to AILA during this meeting: one is the Latvian Association for Applied Linguistics. The other, AIALA, is a network of Spanish/Portuguese affiliates, with participation from Latin America, Spain and Portugal, and the USA.

AILA have recently re-launched their website and are beginning to roll out the 'AILA app'. Individual members of BAAL will have access to the AILA app but will need to sign up for it. More details of this app will be circulated to BAAL members after this AGM.

### **British Academy**

A British Academy meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The main topics of discussion centred on Open Access, Researcher Development and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. As a follow-up, I completed an EDI survey on behalf of BAAL. I will be in touch with members of the Association with any future developments from the day and/or responses from the survey (and any other relevant information), as soon as I receive them.

### **UCML**

UCML penned a letter in support for the continued participation in the Erasmus+ programme and sent it to the PM and other dignitaries. I signed this on behalf of BAAL and notified the Association of this. A response to this was received – this will be uploaded to the Dropbox folder and has been circulated to the membership as part of the documentation for this AGM.

### **ADDITIONAL UPDATES**

#### **ESRC**

Last August the ESRC launched a national consultation on the topic of researcher development and leadership in the social sciences. I sent on a link to the project website and the major evidence review, and asked for comments/feedback from the BAAL membership and EC on this. I then collated all comments and submitted a formal response to this consultation on behalf of BAAL. On 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the ESRC published Professor Matthew Flinders' report for our project 'Fit for the Future: Research Leadership in the Social Sciences', with BAAL cited as a contributing association at the end. The report, as well as an official response from the ESRC, can be found here:

<https://esrc.ukri.org/research/future-of-social-science-insights-opportunities-and-expectations/fit-for-the-future-leadership-and-social-sciences/>

## **REF 2021**

A call was launched for nominations of REF panel members (i.e. any panel) and impact and output assessors, with an additional call for nominations for an output assessor for sub-panel 26 (Modern Languages and Linguistics) in the area of British Sign Language / Deaf Studies. As BAAL is a nominating institution for REF, I wrote to members to encourage them to put forward their names to be considered for nomination to these roles. Detailed information about REF2021, and specifications for panel members, can be found at [www.ref.ac.uk](http://www.ref.ac.uk), with specific information on:

- Roles of the expert panels: <https://www.ref.ac.uk/panels/what-is-the-role-of-expert-panels/>
- Current members of the subpanels: <https://www.ref.ac.uk/panels/panel-membership/>

We organised the BAAL nomination process in three stages:

1. Asking members to send expressions of interest to Caroline Tagg [complete].
2. I then contacted the individuals whose names have been put forward, asking them to submit the necessary information/documentation for completion of nomination forms [complete].
3. Once I have received the relevant documentation, the BAAL EC will convene a Nominations sub-committee to consider all potential nominees, with a view to submitting nominations by the 7<sup>th</sup> September deadline set by REF [in progress].

## **RIPL approval (Research in Primary Languages)**

BAAL's endorsed Florence Myles' White Paper on language teaching at primary level. This was a project funded by the Applying Linguistics Fund in the 2017/18 round. Florence sent all of the association/EC a document outlining a case for endorsement and this was unanimously approved by the BAAL EC. You can see the White Paper here: <http://www.ripl.uk/policy/>.

**Dawn Knight, August 2020**



## Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks/queries to BAAL (as per the job description):

- Welcomed new EC members and organised regular BAAL EC meetings
- Checked the minutes and action points from BAAL EC meeting
- Sent regular updates on our activities to the AcSS for their monthly eBulletins
- Reviewed two books for the annual BAAL book prize
- Coordinated the annual AGM meeting (and notified the membership of this)
- Requested that all members of the EC update their terms of reference in preparation for the upcoming elections (this is required on an annual basis)
- Advertised EC vacancies – positions to be announced at the BAAL AGM
- Supported the chair in responding to Covid-19 outbreak and social restrictions by:
  - monitoring the situation and updating BAAL's public statement
  - collaborating with other associations on various initiatives
  - working with SIG coordinator to advise SIGs
  - working with other EC members to revise funding schemes (BAAL/CUP seminar series and Applying Linguistics Fund)
  - making the decision to cancel the conference and move it online
  - organising the BAAL 2020 online conference
  - helping to set up the mentoring scheme
  - working with publishers to make additional Covid-19 discounts
- Continued to follow up on the possibility of BAAL's involvement in AILA 2027
- Acted as a point of contact for a range of EC-related questions and queries raised by EC members and general BAAL membership
- Supported the Chair in making various other decisions

**BAAL Annual General Meeting 2020:** There will be 3 Ordinary Member posts coming up for election in September. The following officer posts will also become available:

- Treasurer
- Publications Secretary
- Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/documents/> for role descriptions). The results will be announced at the BAAL AGM. Those officers who have only served one term are permitted to be elected to a second term, if desired (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/committee/> for information on the current committee).

**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.

**Caroline Tagg, August 2020**

## Treasurer's Report

### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

#### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2020

|                                      | 2020   |   | 2019   |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---|--------|
|                                      | £      | £ | £      |
| <b>INCOME</b>                        |        |   |        |
| Membership Subscription              | 44,181 |   | 51,143 |
| Bank interest                        | 18     |   | 17     |
| Book Prize Entries                   | 480    |   | 80     |
| Surplus - Conference                 | 21,774 |   | 10,622 |
| Miscellaneous Income                 | -      |   | 2,017  |
| Donations Re: Cris Brumfit           | -      |   | 58     |
| Net Income - Special Interest Groups | 1,785  |   | 6,167  |
|                                      |        |   |        |
|                                      | 68,238 |   | 70,104 |

#### EXPENDITURE

|   |        |  |        |
|---|--------|--|--------|
| Grants to SIGs                              | 200    |  | 200    |
| Book / Poster/visual rep / prizes           | 900    |  | 309    |
| Linguistics Olympiad                        | 2,000  |  | 2,000  |
| BAAL Scholarship                            | 2,436  |  | 932    |
| Applying Linguistic Fund                    | 5,223  |  | 2,491  |
| Dovetail . Admin Fees & Expenses            | -      |  | 9,201  |
| Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses             | 13,260 |  | 6,256  |
| Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses   | 2,689  |  | 3,483  |
| AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subs.             | 3,987  |  | 7,555  |
| CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars           | 169    |  | 4,833  |
| Insurance                                   | 756    |  | 715    |
| Bank Direct Debit, collect & Sevice Charges | 1,178  |  | 1,445  |
| Postage,Publication & Printing Costs        | 21     |  | 80     |
| Website Costs                               | 264    |  | 1,194  |
| Miscellaneous costs                         | 250    |  | -      |
| Accountant's Fees                           | 875    |  | 875    |
| BAAL Colloquium                             | -      |  | 361    |
|   |        |  |        |
|   | 34,208 |  | 41,930 |

|   |               |  |               |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|
| <b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b> | <b>34,030</b> |  | <b>28,174</b> |
|---|---------------|--|---------------|

# BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

## BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2020

|      | 2020 |   | 2019 |
|------|------|---|------|
| Note | £    | £ | £    |

### CURRENT ASSETS

|               |                |  |                |
|---------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Other debtors | 49,147         |  | 24,914         |
| Bank deposits | 39,901         |  | 53,889         |
| Cash at bank  | 87,864         |  | 64,079         |
|               |                |  |                |
|               | <u>176,912</u> |  | <u>142,882</u> |

### CURRENT LIABILITIES

|                           |     |                |                |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Accrued expenses          | 875 |                | 875            |
|                           |     |                |                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b> |     | <u>176,037</u> | <u>142,007</u> |
|                           |     |                |                |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>         |     | <u>176,037</u> | <u>142,007</u> |

### FINANCED BY:

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNT

|                          |  |                |                |
|--------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Balance brought forward  |  | 142,007        | 113,833        |
| Net surplus for the year |  | 34,030         | 28,174         |
|                          |  |                |                |
| Balance carried forward  |  | <u>176,037</u> | <u>142,007</u> |

## Meetings Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months, I have been liaising with the LOCs and potential hosts of BAAL's annual conference. In this report, I am going to outline the organisation and the latest developments of BAAL 2019 and 2020.

### 1. BAAL2020

Our face-to-face **BAAL2020** was postponed to 2021 because of the coronavirus outbreak. Plenary speakers and speakers for the invited colloquium can attend in 2021 so it will mostly remain the same – just a year later.

### 2. BAAL2021

BAAL2021 will be at Northumbria University with the same team led by Alex Ho-Cheong Leung. I conducted a site visit before Christmas to meet the team and look at the rooms we will be using. It is on track to be a successful event.

### 3. BAAL2022

Sultan Turkan and the team from Queen's university Belfast have agreed to host BAAL2022. We have held online meetings and they are particularly keen to explore ideas about a possible blended conference with both online and face-to-face aspects. I am hoping to conduct a traditional site visit later in the year.

### 4. BAAL2023

A call for venues for BAAL2023 went out on BAALmail on 22/6/20. Potential teams will send me an initial expression of interest by 31/8/20 and full bids by 31/10/20.

Thanks again to Gee Macrory, Dominic Griffiths and the team at Manchester Metropolitan university for putting on a very successful BAAL2019. Recording of the plenaries and interviews with the speakers are available at <https://www.mmu.ac.uk/education/baal/>

**Glenn Hadikin, August 2020**

## Membership Secretary's Report

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2019-20 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership! Currently BAAL has 603 full-rate individual members and 365 reduced-rate members, a total of 968 individuals. There are additionally 10 individuals nominated under a total of 4 Associate

memberships and 126 individuals nominated under a total of 38 Institutional memberships. Total membership of BAAL currently stands at 1,146 individuals, an increase of 2.9% since August 2019. These figures indicate that BAAL membership is growing steadily and consistently over time. We are indebted to the team at Mosaic for their continued high-quality support of the BAAL executive committee and membership.

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you know of a colleague or student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the website and sign up at <https://www.baal.org.uk/join/>. Our online application form and payment system are integrated on one webpage, making it simple for applied linguists from across the globe to join our ranks.

If your institution has yet to join BAAL, why not consider an Institutional membership? The annual subscription for Institutional membership of BAAL is £120 and allows for four individuals from the institution to be nominated as full members. Individual membership subscription is usually priced at £50 per annum, so Institutional membership represents a 40% discount for each nominated institutional member.

BAAL always looks at new ways to support its members so please feel free to get in touch with me ([jessica.briggsbaffoe-djan@education.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jessica.briggsbaffoe-djan@education.ox.ac.uk)) if ever I can be of assistance. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

**Jessica Briggs, August 2020**

## **Publications Secretary's Report**

### **Partnerships with publishers**

The Publications Secretary in consultation with the EC has been engaged in discussions with publishers about developing their partnership with BAAL. The aim is to explore a range of initiatives which would benefit BAAL membership including discounts from publishers, free content to certain material on publishers' webpages and special offers to support SIG events.

### **Updating procedures**

Payment from published nominated books has now been streamlined and many now pay via PayPal or bank transfer. Cheque payments is no longer the preferred option. The Treasurer issues an invoice to the publisher and this now allows us to keep track to this procedure.

## **BAAL Book Prize**

We received 15 books this year for the BAAL book prize. These nominations were submitted in December 2019. The reviewing process began in February but was delayed this year because of COVID. All internal reviews were completed in July. A short list of four books was drawn up based on this first round of reviews based on scoring sheets and written reports. Books were sent to two internationally renowned experts in the field of applied linguistics with the process overseen by EC member Sal Consoli. Short-listed authors have been invited to attend the online awards ceremony and to give short presentations on their book. This information was sent out by Mosaic Events. The Book Prize will be introduced and presented by Sal Consoli.

The four books which were nominated are listed below:

Fairness, Justice and Language Assessment – Oxford University Press  
Tim McNamara, Ute Knoch, and Jason Fan

Rethinking TESOL in diverse global settings - Bloomsbury  
[Tim Marr, Fiona English](#)

Palgrave Handbook of Minority Languages and Communities – Palgrave  
Gabrielle Hogan-Brun, Bernadette O'Rourke

Visualising Multilingual Lives – Multilingual Matters  
Paula Kalaja, Sílvia Melo-Pfeifer

**Bernie O'Rourke, August 2020**

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

### **Postgraduate Facebook group**

The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We now have 1,737 members as of 18th August 2020, which is an increase from last year's 1656 members (4th August 2019). The group continues to provide a platform for networking and for members to share posts on conferences, research, seminars and job opportunities. The group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/40190066151/>

## **BAAL 2019 at Manchester Metropolitan University - Postgraduate event highlights**

### **Conference Prize Winners**

The Richard Pemberton Prize (Best Postgraduate Paper) winner: **Siyang Zhou** (University of Oxford)

Title: *A usage-based investigation of the relationship between language contact and phrasal verb acquisition among international students in the UK*

Best Poster Prize Winner: **Gareth Humphreys** (Sojo University / University of Southampton)

Title: *Changing perspectives towards intercultural communication from short-term overseas study programmes among Japanese university students*

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

### **Postgraduate Forum**

The forum was held at BAAL 2019 under the theme *How can an Early-Career Researcher best succeed in Applied Linguistics?* The event was very engaging and resulted in stimulating twitter discussions. Thank you to the following guest speakers who contributed to the success of the forum by sharing their experiences:

**Dawn Knight** (Cardiff University), **Helen Sauntson** (York St John), **Tim Grant** (Aston University)

### **BAAL 2020**

#### **Twitter BAAL ECR Events**

The Twitter events have been a success and brought together several ECRs and established academics from around the world. **Many thanks go to our guests Prof Zhu Hua, Prof Li Wei, and Prof Victoria Murphy.**

#### **BAAL 2020 online event**

#### **EC Elections**

I have sent messages on Twitter and on Facebook to encourage ECRs and PGs to stand for the new post as Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer.

## **PG and ECR event**

I have arranged an interview with Prof Adrian Holliday who will speak about publishing and offer advice to ECRs on this matter.

The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We now have 1656 members (4th August 2019), which is an increase from last year's 1526 members (4th August 2018). The group continues to provide a platform for networking and for members to share posts on conferences, research, seminars and job opportunities. The group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/40190066151/>.

**Sal Consoli, August 2020**

## **Media Coordinator's Report**

### **TWITTER**

The BAAL Twitter account has risen from to 3,866 followers (August 2019) to a current total of 5430 (August 2020).

The main BAAL Twitter account continues to promote details of the annual conferences and BAAL-related events and activities. Due to Covid19, many of the tweets from March 2020 onwards were related to the postponement of the BAAL annual conference and other SIG events. In the second half of this year, I facilitated a series of live PGR/ECR events organised by Sal Consoli on the main BAAL Twitter account.

The @\_\_BAAL handle is regularly included in tweets by both individuals and organisations to publicise non-BAAL related events and announcements, but we do retweet anything that is unrelated to BAAL Activities.

### **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

I have had no media contact whatsoever for BAAL.

### **Other Activities**

An updated BAAL Wikipedia entry has been compiled by myself with input from the Executive Committee. Nathaniel Owen, the Web Editor, uploaded this entry to the Wikipedia website in March 2020.

**Owen Minns, August 2020**



## Newsletter Editor's Report

This has been my fifth year as BAAL newsletter editor. Since starting this role, the number of contributions has steadily increased. This was mainly through themed sections that I introduced to broaden the scope and to encourage PhD students and Early Career Researchers to contribute to BAAL News. The most recent edition looked somewhat different which reflected the changes colleagues experienced due to the Coronavirus pandemic and associated lockdown. I would like to thank all contributors for making this edition such a success.

BAAL News is for all members, so if you would like to see something in our newsletter then please get in touch with me. If you'd like to contribute a piece on your research project or would like to write a book review then I'm very keen to hear from you (or, for book reviews, contact our Book Reviews Editor, Chris Hall).

The call for contributions for the next edition of BAAL News will go out in late October. The deadline for sending contributions is in early January 2021 and the planned publication date is in late January 2021.

**Bettina Beinhoff, August 2020**

## Web Editor's Report

TO FOLLOW. Over the past 12 months, I have been responsible for making routine updates to the BAAL website to inform the community of various events and news in the field of Applied Linguistics. This has included updating the website with relevant newsletters and information relating to forthcoming conferences.

The only significant structural changes which have occurred to the website over the last 12 months have been to the pages relating to seminars and workshops. Seminars and workshops. These pages have been updated and consolidated in the following ways:

- 1) Seminars have a new landing page here:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/seminars/>

- 2) Information about the 2019 BAAL-CUP seminars transferred to a new page dedicated to previous seminars:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/seminars/past/>

- 3) Past BAAL workshops has a new landing page:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/workshops/>

4) Information on all previous BAAL workshops consolidated into a single table:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/seminars/past-2/>

I have no other significant structural changes to report.

### **Covid-19**

The BAAL website has also been the major source of information for BAAL members to consult during the Covid-19 lockdown for BAAL-related events. I worked with the Secretary and Media Co-ordinator to ensure that messages relating to Cov-19's impact on the conference were delivered in a timely and clear manner, and that website messaging was consistent with social media messaging.

Covid-19 caused the cancellation of the proposed 2020 face-to-face conference at the University of Northumbria. As a result of the cancellation of the 2020 conference, further information relating to the forthcoming 2021 conference will also be placed on this page. This page also links to Northumbria's website which also provides updates on the conference.

Information on BAAL's stance on Covid-19 and especially the impact on future conferences can be found on the main conference landing page here:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/annual-conference/>

**Nathaniel Owen, August 2020**

### **SIG Coordinator's Report**

Much of the SIG activity for the 2019-2020 academic year has been affected to varying degrees by the Covid-19 situation. Despite this, all of the SIGs continue to be active and healthy and make an important contribution to BAAL's activities and identity:

- Corpus Linguistics
- Health and Science Communication
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and New Media

- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Language Policy
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)
- PAWBL (Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies)
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Vocabulary
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) (Established in 2019)
- Multilingualism (Established in 2019)

### **SIG events**

In the 2019-2020 academic year, the following SIG events were held:

**1. *Health and Science Communication***

*Argumenting Health Communication in the Digital Era*

13 September 2019, University of Brescia (Italy)

**2. *PAWBL***

*Work, life, study: literacies in and out of institutions*

6 December 2019, The Open University

**3. *Language and New Media***

*Virtual talk series (online)*

**4. *Language Learning and Teaching***

*Research and Practice in the Teaching and Learning of Languages (online)*

The *Language and New Media* and *Language Learning and Teaching* SIGs should be commended for very quickly moving their planned face-to-face events to an alternative online format.

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

The following SIG events were approved to run in 2020 but had to be postponed or cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 situation:

**1. Vocabulary**

*Vocabulary studies: Intersection between theory, research, pedagogy and materials development*

23-24 April 2020, University of Sheffield – Postponed to 2021.

**2. Language Policy**

*Language policy and human movements: Global, regional, local*

7-8 May 2020, University of Cambridge – Postponed to 2021.

**3. Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education (LKALE)**

*Knowledge about language in diverse contexts*

25-26 June 2020, University of Glasgow – Postponed to 2021.

**4. Testing, Evaluation and Assessment**

*Language assessment literacy in a digital age*

27 March 2020, Open University – Postponed to 2020-2021.

**5. Language, Gender and Sexuality**

*Language, sexuality and education*

29 April 2020, University of Westminster – Postponed to 2021.

**6. Corpus Linguistics**

*Core Corpus Skills for Academic Purposes*

24 April 2020 – Postponed to 2021.

**7. Languages in Africa**

*African Languages and Social Change: Politics, Activism, and Justice*

15 May 2020, University of Leeds – Postponed to 2021.

It was agreed at the EC meeting in May that budgets approved for postponed SIG events could be carried over to the following year.

**BAAL Annual Meeting 2020**

The BAAL annual meeting for 2020 was moved to a one-day online event in response to the ongoing Covid-19 situation. In order to ensure that SIGs continued to be involved in the online event, SIG convenors were invited to nominate speakers to give online talks on behalf of their SIGs at the online conference. Seven SIGs now have speakers scheduled to give talks at the conference on 4 September 2020.

It is currently expected that SIG tracks will resume as usual at the 2021 conference at Northumbria University.

### **SIG AGMs and elections**

As stated in the SIG Co-ordinator reports for May 2020 and August 2020, in light of the current Covid-19 situation, and the resulting postponement or cancellation of a number of SIG events and the annual meeting, SIG convenors are holding virtual AGMs and elections wherever possible. Where this is not possible, SIGs are pausing AGMs and elections until the 2020-2021 academic year. SIGs have submitted their annual reports and annual financial audits (available on Dropbox).

SIG convenors have been encouraged to continue to liaise closely with the SIGs co-ordinator over any other issues with arise as a result of the ongoing Covid-19 situation.

### **Websites**

Throughout 2019-20, the BAAL Website Editor, Nathaniel Owen, has worked with SIGs to ensure that all SIGs have updated information on their section of the BAAL website as well as updated links to their own websites.

**Helen Sauntson, August 2020**

## **Seminars Coordinator's Report**

This has been my first year as the BAAL Seminars Coordinator, and I have spent the first months of my term of office familiarizing myself with the role and the procedures. I would like to thank Li Li, my predecessor in the role, for the handover and the Executive Committee (EC) members, especially Caroline Tagg (Secretary) and Dawn Knight (Chair), for their support and guidance.

The BAAL-Cambridge University Press seminars are going ahead in the 2019-20 academic year. However, because of the pandemic, the call has been postponed. BAAL members still have time to submit their applications, and I would encourage colleagues to do so before the new and final deadline (i.e. 30 September 2020). We aim to disclose the results by 28 October 2020, and the seminars will be held at some time between November 2020 and July 2021. Two awards will be made: (i) a repayable float of £500 and (ii) a non-repayable grant of £1,500.

I have also proposed a new initiative to support the development of BAAL members who are either doctoral students or early-career researchers. Entitled "BAAL Researcher

Development Workshops”, this initiative has been approved by the BAAL EC members, and it will be presented to the BAAL membership at the September AGM. If approved, the call for workshop proposals will be launched soon after the virtual annual conference on 04 September 2020.

**Vander Viana, August 2020**

## **CLiE Representative**

The Committee on Linguistics in Education (CLIE)( [www.CLIE.org.uk](http://www.CLIE.org.uk) )is a joint committee of BAAL and LAGB that brings together approximately eighteen associations and organisations with interests in language and languages in the UK education system, from primary school through to teacher education. The main purpose of CLIE is to share information and contribute expertise in linguistics and applied linguistics to benefit the curriculum in institutional settings, the professional education of teachers, and policy-making.

### **Members and roles**

BAAL has four members on CLIE: Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University) (from November 2015); Cathie Wallace (UCL IoE) (from November 2014), Maria Arche (University of Greenwich) (from November 2018) and Ursula Lanvers (University of York) (from November 2018). Either the Secretary or the Chair of CLIE sit on the BAAL Executive Committee. The roles of Secretary and Chair of CLIE usually alternate between one member of BAAL and one member of LAGB. Dr Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University, BAAL) is the current chair of CLIE and sits on the BAAL Executive. Dr Eva Eppler (University of Roehampton, LAGB) is the current secretary of CLIE.

### **Meetings**

The committee normally meets three times a year in London. Since the last AGM report, CLIE has met three times: November 2019 (hosted by the University of Westminster), February 2020 (hosted by University of Westminster) and May 2020 (via Zoom).

### **Undertakings**

CLIE and groups of its members are operating various subprojects. Recent activities and discussions include:

#### **1. UKLO (UK Linguistics Olympiad)**

As reported last year, the UK first competed in the IOL in 2009, and had competed in 11 olympiads. This year significant disruption was caused by Covid-19, such that the competitors sat at home and were invigilated by Zoom. As a result, a UK squad of eight

brilliant boys was selected. UKLO participants were all male despite 50:50 male to female ratio at entry level. Three of the eight were from state schools and all of them were expected to do very well this year but in the event the international competition was cancelled.

## **2. LASER (Linguistics Across Schools for Education and Research)**

Last year's report to the AGM noted the highly successful LASER launch event which had been held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the British Academy in London. Since the LASER launch, the papers given by the speakers have been published by both the on-line journal Language, Society & Policy and IMPACT. LASER has recently received a small (£1K) BA grant to cover some expenses. LASER's abstract submission was accepted for *English Shared Futures* but conference postponed to 2021. Maria Arche is currently liaising with teachers on what linguistics can do in education. Current plans include setting up hubs, evenly distributed across the country, and identifying new ways of reaching out to schools and teachers. It is thought that on-line reach-out prove to be advantageous.

## **3. OASIS**

**OASIS** (Open Accessible Summaries in Language Studies), [https://oasis-database.org/supporting\\_journals](https://oasis-database.org/supporting_journals) ) was discussed at the November meeting and it was agreed that CLiE would support the initiative to convince international peer-reviewed journals to get involved in the OASIS initiative by asking / inviting authors of new articles coming out to write a summary of their work and include those summaries in the OASIS database. The aim is to increase the impact of publications, transparency and outreach to teachers.

## **4. Ongoing projects**

### **KAL GAP**

Since the last AGM, we have been setting up a small-scale research project on what we are now calling the KAL GAP, that is, the gap between what teachers need to know about language and what they actually do know. We considered the fact that CLiE potentially has an impact on English as first language, EAL, MFL and cross-curricular approaches, both in terms of curriculum and of teacher education (ITE and ). We concluded that this begs the following questions:

- 1) What linguistic knowledge do teachers *need* as implied or explicitly stated by curricular documents, guidelines etc?
- 2) What linguistic knowledge do teachers actually *have*?

In order to address these issues, colleagues have put together some preliminary bibliographies and undertaken an analysis of National Curriculum documentation, which is

on-going. We also proposed a small research plan to be undertaken by a sub-group on the committee. Wasył Cajkler has provided a helpful summary of work to date with options to explore. Dick Hudson and Cathie Wallace have now produced a very thorough and detailed document setting out what KAL is needed at primary level and what research tells us about the KAL that primary teachers have. A second sub-group is currently addressing the same question at secondary level.

## **5. Website**

Catherine Walter has recently found the original poster which has a flowchart presentation of CLIE, including the relationship with BAAL and LAGB and examples of projects that CLIE has been involved in. This is to be revised to put on the website, so look out for that! The newly revised Terms of Reference are now on the CLIE website, having been approved by both BAAL and LAGB.

## **6. Representation/communications**

CLIE now features on websites of other associations, including NATE, LA and ALL. We have guest blog, written by Dick Hudson, on the ALL website at <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/secondary/clie-and-uklo/>.

Thank you too to Sabine Little for reviving our Twitter account. Follow us at @CLIE\_UK!

Finally, CLIE has made representation to education ministers (Nick Gibb, Gavin Williamson, Michelle Donelan and Kate Green) on the implications for the supply of MFL teachers of the decision to charge EU students overseas fees. A reply has been received from a representative of Nick Gibb's.

**Gee Macrory, August 2020**