

THE CANADIAN LINGUISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

Saturday, May 28, 2005, 5:00 p.m.

Room 2R09, Ivey Building, University of Western Ontario

PRESENT:

John Archibald (Calgary; Co-Chair), Yves Roberge (Toronto; Co-Chair), Martha McGinnis (Calgary; Secretary), Peter Avery (York), Pat Balcom (Moncton), Heather Burnett (Queen's), Wladyslaw Cichocki (UNB), Elizabeth Cowper (Toronto), Sarah Cummins (Laval), Luba Dachevski (Western), Rose-Marie Déchaine (UBC), Monique Dufresne (Queen's/UQAM), Carrie Dyck (Memorial), Dana Geber (Ottawa), Jila Ghomeshi (Manitoba), Elaine Gold (Toronto/Queen's), Daniel Currie Hall (Toronto), David Heap (Western), Alana Johns (Toronto), Alexei Kochetov (SFU), Sylvie Lam (Sherbrooke), Marguerite MacKenzie (Memorial), Eric Mathieu (Ottawa), Katrina Petrik (Ottawa), Mihaela Pirvulescu (Toronto), Keren Rice (Toronto), Maria Luisa Rivero (Ottawa), Jeff Tennant (Western), Lisa Travis (McGill), Mireille Tremblay (Queen's), Marie-Therese Vinet (Sherbrooke), Etleva Vocaj (UQAM).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Wafa Bitar (SSHRC), Donna Pennee (CFHSS), Jackie Wright (CFHSS), Neil Wick (Ottawa).

1.0 INTRODUCTIONS (J. Archibald)

The CLA Executive was introduced: John Archibald (President), Yves Roberge (Vice President), Henrietta Cedergren (Past President, in absentia), Marguerite MacKenzie (Treasurer), Martha McGinnis (Secretary), Rose-Marie Déchaine (CJL Editor), David Heap (Program Committee Chair), Carrie Dyck (Member-at-Large), Alana Johns (Member-at-Large), Claire Gurski (Student Member, in absentia).

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED (Balcom) and SECONDED (Cummins) to approve the agenda. Motion PASSED.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (D. Pennee, J. Wright)

CFHSS's broad theme for the next couple of years is the future of the profession. They have written a report on meeting the needs of new scholars, and are sponsoring a conference on postsecondary education in Ottawa. Ongoing issues include: copyright vs. access to public knowledge; electronic grant applications; funding for humanities; and best practices for scholarly associations.

Federal funding to the provinces for post-secondary education is increasing. SSHRC is adding \$10 million to Standard Research Grants; however, this will not keep up with increasing competition. SSHRC is also increasing funds for the Aid to Scholarly Publications program. SSHRC and CFHSS have been working together well, though President Marc Renaud is now leaving SSHRC. CFHSS's endowment campaign has also been quite successful.

Upcoming Congresses will be at York University, May 27-30 (2006), at the University of Saskatchewan (2007), at the University of British Columbia (2008), in Ottawa (2009), and in Montreal (2010).

3.2 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (W. Bitar)

The average amount requested per Standard Research Grant application was very high last year. SSHRC reduced the funded amount for individual grants by 30%, but amounts were still very high. Only 25% of junior scholar applicants were funded. Linguistics is doing well in the MCRI program; France Martineau received one in 2005, Gary Libben in 2004.

Déchainé felt that SSHRC's *Image, Text, Sound and Technology* grant committee judged applications from a narrow literary studies perspective.

4.0 APPROVAL OF 2004 MINUTES

It was MOVED (Rice) and SECONDED (Heap) to approve the 2004 minutes. Motion PASSED.

5.0 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (J. Archibald)

Thanks: Archibald thanked outgoing Executive members Carrie Dyck (Member-at-Large) and Henrietta Cedergren (Past President). Thanks also to Christine Tellier (Program Chair), who was unfortunately unable to complete her term, and to Ileana Paul (outgoing Nominating Committee member). Special thanks to David Heap (interim Program Chair *and* local representative), and to Canada Research Chair Ileana Paul for hosting a lunch reception, and to the University of Western Ontario, the French department, and the Linguistics program for their hospitality. Thanks also to Yves Roberge, Chiara Frigeni, and Magdalena Goledzinowska (roundtable on working papers); Pat Balcom (session on the status of women); Yvan Rose (CLA e-mail list); Daniel Currie Hall (website); Éliane Lebel (translation); Alana Johns (Student Paper Contest); Yves Roberge, Martha McGinnis, and Marie-Odile Junker (2004 Proceedings editors). Claire Gurski (Student Executive member) from the University of Western Ontario has offered to edit the 2005 Proceedings, which will again be published online. Sarah Cummins also wished to thank Paul Pupier, outgoing Book Review Editor of CJL, for his dedicated efforts.

Joint sessions: A joint session with CAAL will take place on Monday, with a plenary on SLA by Robert Gardner, and there will be a joint session with the Canadian Association of Hispanists on Tuesday, with an interdisciplinary lunch funded by FedCan.

Programs: Concordia Linguistics program is admitting students again. Trinity Western University is proposing a new MA in Linguistics.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws (J. Archibald)

There were several proposal amendments (attached below): changing the student Executive member's term from two years to one; proposing a five-year term for the FedCan representative; removing the Aboriginal Languages and Status of Women subcommittees from the list of Standing Committees; and creating a framework for forming ad hoc committees. All amendments passed with 19 or more votes out of 25. The greatest dissent concerned the changes to Standing Committees. The Executive committed to appointing chairs for new ad hoc Aboriginal Languages and Status of Women committees, who will act as special advisors to Executive. The senior Member-at-Large will ensure that events relating to these issues are scheduled during the CLA conference. Chairs have the authority to expand their committees and set additional goals, if they so choose. People interested in acting as committee chairs were invited to contact the Executive. [*Secretary's note*: Pat Shaw (Aboriginal Languages) and Elaine Gold (Status of Women) were subsequently named to these positions.]

Having a student from the local organizer's university as the student Executive member worked well this year. Peter Avery asked whether the Executive could appoint a University of Toronto student member next year, given that the conference will be at York University. The Executive agreed that the local organizer's recommendation would be highly relevant to the appointment.

6.2 Outreach award (Y. Roberge)

A prize for linguistic outreach was suggested at last year's roundtable. Roberge proposed terms of reference (see attached) and invites feedback from members. The proposal is that the prize go to someone who has increased the Canadian public's recognition of linguistics — either a linguist (such as Katherine Barber, editor of the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary*), or someone outside the discipline (such as Jay Ingram, science journalist). Many practical questions remain, such as when and how often the prize should be awarded, and what it should be. FedCan may be able to help us bring external recipients to the Congress.

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 Report of the Treasurer (M. MacKenzie)

See attached report. It looks as though there is a lot of money, but \$20,000 of this will soon go to CJL. Congress expenses remain higher than Congress revenues. The travel reimbursement rate has fallen to only 35%, because of a rise in the number of requests. MacKenzie can return receipts to allow additional funding from other sources.

Western now has a system for collecting donations when selling course packs; David Heap collected \$1 per course pack for the CLA's Aboriginal Languages subcommittee.

It was MOVED (Hall) and SECONDED (Heap) to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion PASSED.

7.2 Report of the Secretary (M. McGinnis)

See attached report on CLA membership. Membership numbers are down more than 30% across the board, probably because the journal is behind schedule.

7.3 Report of the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Linguistics (R.-M. Déchaine)

Déchaine thanked the editorial team, including Réjean Canac-Marquis, Paul Pupier, and student assistants, as well as the editorial board. The journal is behind schedule, but Déchaine expects it to be back on schedule by this time next year. Submission rates are increasing, but more submissions are needed. CJL is promoting thematic issues. The winners of the student paper competition (and honourable mention) are invited to submit their papers to CJL for review.

It was MOVED (Hall) and SECONDED (Tremblay) to approve the Editor's report. Sarah Cummins asked whether there was any attempt to balance thematic issues with unsolicited submissions. Déchaine said yes, but that there were not enough unsolicited submissions. For example, in 2005 there were ten solicited and three unsolicited submissions. Motion PASSED.

7.4 Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee (J. Archibald for H. Cedergren)

See attached report. The Nominating Committee proposed the following candidates:

Member-at-Large (2-year position): Gabriela Alboiu, York University (to replace Carrie Dyck)

Member, Nominating Committee (2-year position): Kevin Russell, University of Manitoba (to replace Ileana Paul)

Vice-President, President-Elect (2-year position): Gary Libben, University of Alberta (to replace Yves Roberge)

Chair, Program Committee (4-year position, 3 years remaining): Mireille Tremblay, Queen's University (to replace David Heap, interim Chair).

Member, Program Committee (4-year position, 1 year remaining): David Heap, University of Western Ontario (to replace Mireille Tremblay, member).

It was MOVED (Avery) and SECONDED (Balcom) to close nominations. Motion PASSED.

7.5 Report of the Chair of the Program Committee (D. Heap)

See attached report. Heap thanked the student organizers for their help. The number of talks (96) is up from the last five years, with an acceptance rate of 86.5%. 20% of the talks are in French, and 44% have student authors. Heap is developing a handbook for the Program Committee. Heap announced a session on Formal Approaches to Acquisition of Spanish with the Canadian Association of Hispanists.

7.6 Report of the Chair of the Student Paper Contest Committee (C. Dyck)

See attached report. Thanks to the 17 evaluators for their time and expertise, to Peter Avery for his help, and to the students for such interesting papers.. The winning paper was "Animacy: The overlooked feature in Persian" by Anousha Sedighi (Ottawa), and honourable mention went to "On unifying antisymmetry and bare phrase structure," by Mike Barrie (Toronto).

7.7 Report of the Chair of the Committee on Aboriginal Languages

Nothing to report.

7.8 Report of the Status of Women in Linguistics Committee (P. Balcom)

Balcom thanked Heap for his assistance, and Déchaine for publishing the results of the Status of Women questionnaire in CJL. This year's lunchtime panel discussion, on contingent academic staff, was good and well-attended. It was proposed that a mentoring system could be set up for the next generation of linguists. It was also suggested that the CLA could reach out more to contractual employees. For example, the Nominating Committee could consider them for CLA service positions (traditionally avoided so as not to increase demands on their time). Local organizers could also help arrange crash space for contractual employees attending the CLA. Elaine Gold agreed, noting that contractual employees often cannot attend the CLA due to a lack of research and travel funding. MacKenzie suggested that a Member-at-Large position would be a good fit for contractual employees, as it requires no institutional support. The CLA also covers Executive airfare to the annual meeting.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Heap announced a 6 p.m. event at the graduate students' club, and a workshop on French language studies.

Roberge presented Archibald with a gift in thanks for his work as President, and particularly for staying on for an additional year.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED (Balcom) and SECONDED (Avery) to adjourn. Motion CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

16 May 2005

To: Members of the CLA

From: John Archibald, President

Re: Amendments to the constitution and Bylaws

Attached you will find copies of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Linguistic Association Inc. and a voting ballot. These proposals have been the object of recent discussions by the members of the Executive Council.

We encourage you to participate in this important process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Secretary of the Association, Martha McGinnis at mcginnis@ucalgary.ca.

Respectfully yours,
John Archibald
President, CLA

Part 1 - Information Concerning Voting Rights

Who May Vote

You may have received this ballot even if you are not a current member of the CLA. However, votes will be counted only for Association members in good standing.

Voting Procedure

Votes must be received by the Secretary of the Association, Martha McGinnis (mcginnis@ucalgary.ca) by 4 pm Mountain Standard Time (7:30 pm NST, 7 pm AST, 6 pm EST, 5 pm CST, 3 pm PST) on May 25, 2005.

Results

To be adopted, an amendment must be approved by at least two-thirds of the votes cast. An adopted amendment shall take effect immediately.

Part 2 – Propositions

We ask the membership to vote on the following propositions:

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Proposition 1. That Article 8 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are ~~struck out~~ and revised terms are *italicized*.

8. TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

e. The student member shall be appointed by the Executive Council to serve for a term of ~~two years~~ *one year*, and shall not be eligible to serve a second term.

Rationale: Although the CLA Constitution was amended several years ago to add a student member to the Executive, the Nominating Committee has encountered great difficulty, both in identifying clear duties for the student member, and in determining a principled basis for appointing a particular member from among so many qualified candidates. In an attempt to resolve this impasse, the Executive would like to propose the following solution: whenever possible, the student

Executive member will be drawn from the host institution of the Congress, and duties would involve providing support to the local organizer. This solution has a number of advantages: (a) the student member would have a well-defined and manageable set of duties, and would be knowledgeable about the host institution; (b) the local CLA organizer would have student support, and the student organizer would gain suitable recognition; (c) the financial burden of attending the Executive meeting would be minimized for the student member (recalling that Executive accommodation, registration, local transportation, and meals are not reimbursed). This solution would require changing the term of office from two years to one year

Proposition 2. That Article 12 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are ~~struck out~~ and revised terms are *italicized*.

12. STANDING COMMITTEES - There shall be ~~four~~ *two* standing committees of the Association: the Nominating Committee, *and* the Program Committee, ~~the Committee on Aboriginal Languages and the Status of Women in Linguistics Committee.~~

a. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the immediate past President as Chair, and two persons elected from the membership of the Association.

b. The Program Committee shall consist of four voting members and a non-voting chair. These five people shall be elected from the membership of the Association.

~~**c.** The Committee on Aboriginal Languages shall consist of five people appointed by the currently serving members of the Committee.~~

~~**d.** The Status of Women in Linguistics Committee shall consist of three members with professorial rank and three other student members. Members shall be appointed by the currently serving members of the Committee.~~

Rationale: Both the Committee on Aboriginal Languages and the Status of Women in Linguistics Committee have reported difficulties with sustaining membership and identifying an ongoing mandate with specific achievable goals. It is the recommendation of the Executive that these committees become *Ad Hoc* committees (see Proposition 5 below) and not Standing Committees.

Proposition 3. That Article 13 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are ~~struck out~~ and revised terms are *italicized*.

13. TERMS OF OFFICE FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

a. The members of the Nominating Committee shall be elected for two-year terms and shall not serve more than once in succession. The terms of these members shall overlap so that both are not elected in the same year.

b. The members of the Program Committee shall be elected for four-year terms. One voting member shall be elected each year. Members of the Program Committee shall not serve more than once in succession.

~~**c.** Members of the Committee on Aboriginal Languages shall serve for two year renewable terms.~~

~~**d.** Members of the Status of Women in Linguistics Committee shall serve for two year terms which may be renewed once. These terms shall overlap so that not all of the three members with professorial rank nor all of the student members are appointed in the same year.~~

Rationale: This is a housekeeping amendment which will be invoked if Proposition 2 passes. It does not need to be voted on.

Proposition 4. That Article 14 of the Constitution be amended as follows, where deleted terms are ~~struck out~~ and revised terms are *italicized*.

14. DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. The Nominating Committee shall nominate one person for each elective position within the Association.
- b. The Program Committee shall decide which scholarly papers are to be accepted for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- ~~c. The Committee on Aboriginal Languages shall establish links between linguists working in the field of the preservation and promotion of Canada's aboriginal languages and the communities which speak and teach these languages, and it shall distribute information on this subject.~~
- ~~d. The Status of Women in Linguistics Committee shall conduct research into the status of women in linguistics and shall distribute information on this subject.~~

Rationale: This is a housekeeping amendment which will be invoked if Proposition 2 passes. It does not need to be voted on.

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws

Proposition 5. That an item be included in the Bylaws on the creation of *Ad Hoc* committees.

CREATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

Ad hoc committees may be created by the Executive. Terms of Reference (including Terms of Office) for a Committee must be approved by the Executive. If a report from an ad hoc committee is not filed at the AGM for two consecutive years the committee will be disbanded.

Proposition 6. That an item be included in the Bylaws to establish the term for the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) representative. Currently no term is specified.

TERM OF OFFICE FOR CFHSS REPRESENTATIVE

The representative to the CFHSS shall be appointed by the Executive for a term of five years. This position may not be renewed.

Part 3 – Voting Ballot

Proposition 1 (concerning the term of office of the student member of the Executive)

For _____ Against _____

Proposition 2 (removing Aboriginal Languages and Status of Women Committees from the list of Standing Committees)

For _____ Against _____

Proposition 5 (concerning the creation and disbanding of Ad Hoc committees)

For _____ Against _____

Proposition 6 (concerning the term of office for the CFHSS representative)

For _____ Against _____

The CLA outreach award

OBJECTIVES

To recognize the efforts of an individual whose scientific outreach has had an impact on the recognition of linguistics in the general public, or of an individual who has played a considerable role in making the public aware of the importance of linguistic research in Canada.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

December 1 of the year before the awarding of the prize (every other year if a nomination is judged acceptable), with the first award taking place in June 2007.

NOMINATION DOSSIER

A nomination must be supported by three (3) people, and the principal nominator must be a member of the CLA. No nomination form is necessary. However, the supporting documents submitted by the nominators should provide the following information:

- The candidate's name, postal address, etc.;
- An academic notice of at most 250 words, which concisely details the reasons why the candidate should receive the proposed distinction;
- A detailed evaluation of the nominee's work;
- His or her curriculum vitae, maximum 20 pages. The list of publications relevant to the prize must be included.
- The nomination dossier may include letters of support.

A complete application will include five (5) copies of the nomination dossier, and should be submitted to:

Martha McGinnis
Secretary, CLA
Department of Linguistics
University of Calgary
2500 University Drive, N.W.
Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

Budget Report of the Treasurer, April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

Revenue	Closing balance March 31, 2004		41,757.63
Apr 04	Program Committee travel	-413.56	
Apr 04	Industry Canada registration fee	-30.00	
May 04	SSHRC Travel grant 2004	4,860.00	
May 04	U of T Press January-March 2004	15,125.20	
Jul 04	Donation from UWO (Aboriginal languages)	155.00	
Aug 04	U of T Press April-June 2004	2,076.21	
Oct 04	HHSFC conference revenue 2004	1,830.00	
Oct 04	U of T Press July-September 2004	1,098.00	
Nov 04	Program Committee refund, U de Montréal	1,290.40	
Mar 05	U of T Press October-December 2004	11,172.20	
	Total revenue	37,607.01	37,607.01
May 04	Fedcan membership fee 04-05	-2032.00	
May 04 +Nov 04	Translation of minutes	-949.80	
Jun 04	Program Committee student assistant	-423.39	
Jul 04	Congress 04 supplies, photocopies, courier	-653.56	
Jul 04	Travel - executive	-2,600.20	
Jul 04	Travel - members	-5,078.28	
Oct 04	HHSFC conference expenses 04 (AV \$225; catering \$1,522.09 +gst/pst)	-1,983.86	
Nov 04	CIPL \$300 US+bank charges	-401.49	
	Total expenses	-14,566.14	-14,566.14
	Closing balance as of March 31, 2005		64,798.50
	Note that the usual annual transfer of \$20,000 to the Journal did not take place in this fiscal year.		
	Financial activity from April 1, 2005		
Apr 05	SSHRC Travel grant 2005	4,860.00	
Jun 05	Donation from UWO	42.00	
Jun 05	UTP	8,351.20	
	Subtotal	13,253.20	

Current CJL Subscriptions by Category and Region

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	Regular	Student	Life	Comp	Institut	Total	2004
AB	6	4	1	0	2	13	<i>20</i>
BC	11	10	0	0	3	24	<i>52</i>
MB	4	2	0	0	2	8	<i>14</i>
NB	5	0	0	0	4	9	<i>11</i>
NL	1	0	3	0	0	4	<i>7</i>
NS	0	1	0	0	1	2	<i>4</i>
ON	47+1	47	3	3	11	111	<i>135</i>
PE	0	0	0	0	1	1	<i>1</i>
QC	18	18	7	0	5	48	<i>63</i>
SK	2	0	0	0	2	4	<i>5</i>
YT	0	1	0	0	0	1	<i>1</i>
SUBTOTAL	95	83	14	3	31	226	<i>313</i>
USA	7	3	0	0	138	148	<i>222</i>
OTHER	8	4	1	0	62	75	<i>119</i>
TOTAL	110	90	15	3	231	449	<i>654</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>344</i>	<i>654</i>	

Summary

- Subscription levels are down more than 30% since 2004
- Regular subscriptions down 34%, student down 27%, institutional down 33%
- Down essentially across the board, in all regions
- Individual: most likely because no 2004 issues have been published
- Institutional: may also be partly the effect of electronic aggregators (?)

Thanks to Evelyn Holmberg at University of Toronto Press for the numbers.

— Martha McGinnis, Secretary

Nominations Committee Report

1.0 Composition of the committee

The members of the Nominations Committee were Ileana Paul, Charles Reiss and the chair, Henrietta Cedergren.

2.0 Mandate

This year, the committee had two tasks. The first consisted in finding an interim member of the Program Committee to replace David Heap who had become interim chair of the Program Committee. The second consisted in finding candidates to fill the positions of

Member-at-Large of the Executive Council,
Member of the Nominations Committee, and
Vice-president-President elect of the Association.

To fulfill its mandate, the committee carried out two consultation processes. First, a general request was made on the CLA email list for names of potential candidates for the positions of Member-at-Large and Member of the Nominating Committee. Second, in order to obtain the names of potential candidates for the position of Vice-President, a restricted call was addressed to the current President and Vice-President of the Association, and to a group of recent past-presidents of the Association.

3.0 Nominations

The committee would like to propose the following nominations to the membership:

- Member-at-Large (2005-2007): Gabriela Alboiu, York University
- Member, Nominating Committee (2005-2007): Kevin Russell, University of Manitoba
- Vice-President and President Elect (2005-2007): Gary Libben, University of Alberta

The committee requests that the following positions be confirmed:

- Member, Program Committee (2005-2009): Mireille Tremblay, Queen's University
- Chair, Program Committee (2005-2009): David Heap, University of Western Ontario

[*Secretary's note:* These positions were discussed further at the Executive Council meeting and subsequently revised, as follows: *Member, Program Committee (2005-2006): David Heap, University of Western Ontario; Chair, Program Committee (2005-2008): Mireille Tremblay, Queen's University.*]

Submitted by,

Henrietta J. Cedergren
Chair, Nominations committee

Report of the Program Committee

1. Abstract Acceptance Rate

Of the 111 abstracts received by the Committee, 15 were rejected, and 6 were withdrawn, leaving 90 talks on the final Programme. In previous years, the figures were as follows: 2004 (85/10/8 = 67 talks); 2003 (101/18/10 = 73 talks); 2002 (110/16/11 = 83 talks); 2001 (67/9/12 = 49 talks); 2000 (78/12/8 = 58 talks). The distribution and acceptance rate by subject area are as follows:

Area	Submitted	Accepted	Acceptance Rate (%)
Discourse Analysis	0	0	--
Pragmatics	2	1	50
L1/L2 Acquisition	11	8	72.7
Morphology	8	7	87.5
Phonetics	5	4	80
Phonology	14	13	92.9
Historical / Variation & Change	4	4	100
Psycholinguistics	6	6	100
Semantics	9	8	88.9
Sign Language	2	2	100
Sociolinguistics	13	9	69.2
Syntax	35	34	97.1
Other	2	0	0
Total	111	96	86.5

The overall acceptance rate was 86.5%, similar to the rate for previous years: 2004 (88.2%), 2003 (82.1%), 2002 (85.4%); 2001 (86.5%); 2000 (84.6%). Of the 90 talks on the final Programme, 19 (21.1%) are in French, and 40 (44.4%) have student authors.

2. Call for Papers

The Call for Papers was posted on the CLA website sent to members by e-mail.

3. Committee Meeting

Mireille Tremblay joined the committee in the Fall on an interim basis. At the beginning of March, two members and the chair of the Committee met in Toronto.

4. Electronic submission of abstracts

107 of the 111 abstracts were submitted by e-mail, with no serious technical problems. In order to avoid occasional quota overload, I propose that a permanent Gmail address be created for CLA submissions.

5. Special Joint Session

The CLA Committee also joined forces with the Association of Canadian Hispanists (ACH), sending out a call for papers for a special session on “Hispanic Linguistics in Canada”. In total, 16 abstracts were submitted. They were evaluated by an ad hoc committee consisting of members from the two associations (Ana-Teresa Pérez-Leroux, Joyce Bruhn de Garavito, Jerzy Kowal and David Heap). Of the 13 accepted abstracts, one was withdrawn; there are therefore 12 talks scheduled for the special joint session programme, which will be held on Tuesday, May 31st in IVEY 3B04. All CLA members are welcome to attend this session (the Programme and abstracts are included in the CLA handbook), as well as an informal lunch at 12:10PM on Tuesday (compliments of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, in order to promote interdisciplinary contact).

5. Acknowledgements

The Programme Committee wishes to thank Daniel Currie Hall, who posted the Call for Papers, the Conference Program, and the many updates on the CLA website, as well as Yvan Rose, who sent announcements to the ACL list. Special sessions at the conference were organized by Jeff Tennant (joint CLA/CAAL plenary session), Patricia Balcom (Committee on the Status of Women in Linguistics Discussion Panel), Yves Roberge, Chiara Frigeni and Magdalena Goleczynowska (Roundtable) and by the group (Committee on Aboriginal Languages Discussion Panel). Darcie Williams prepared the Programme as well as the CLA booklet, with help from Claire Gurski, Patricia Bayona and Valérie Prat. David Heap, who acted as the local representative, would like to particularly thank the CLA Student Representative Claire Gurski, who organised the staff for coffee breaks and the welcome table, and Darcie Williams, whose help continues to be crucial throughout. The volunteer help from Kanstantsin Tsedryk, Mikalai Kliashchuk and Ivan Chow is also greatly appreciated.

David Heap (chair), for the CLA Programme Committee:
Mireille Tremblay, Sarah Cummins, Marie-Hélène Côté, Sali Tagliamonte

ACL/CLA Student Paper Competition Committee Annual Report

1.0 Committee Membership

Shanley Allen, Olga Arnaudova, Laura Colantoni, Elizabeth Cowper, Rose-Marie Deschaine, Natalia Diaz-Insense, **Carrie Dyck (Chair)**, Rob Hagiwara, Elaine Gold, Alexei Kochetov, Emmanuel Nikiema, Keren Rice, Maria Luisa Rivero, Yves Roberge, Ron Smyth, Andrea Wilhelm, Martina Wiltschcko, and Chris Wolfart.

Carrie extends sincere thanks and appreciation to the evaluators, who generously gave of their time and expertise.

Student Paper Competition 2004

A total of 26 student papers were entered into the competition. Papers came from at least 8 different Canadian institutions. (Due to privacy considerations raised at the 2004 meeting, no breakdown of institutions is provided here. It was felt that doing so would make it possible to identify specific individuals who, for whatever reason, chose not to enter the Student Paper Competition.)

The breakdown of the papers by area is as follows: Syntax (10), and Phonology (6). Again, due to privacy considerations, a more detailed breakdown of the 10 remaining papers is not provided here: Grammaticalization, Language Acquisition, Morphology, Psycholinguistics, Phonetics, Semantics, Sign Language, and Sociolinguistics/Variation (10 in total).

The committee concluded that the award for best paper should be presented to:

Anousha Sedighi, University of Ottawa
Animacy: the overlooked feature in Persian.

One other paper received honourable mention:

Mike Barrie, University of Toronto
Unifying Antisymmetry and Bare Phrase Structure

The evaluators were impressed by the high calibre of many of the student talks. They found it particularly difficult to choose between four excellent presentations. Based on previous discussions, however, it was decided to recommend one winner and only one runner-up for this and future student paper competitions.

As Chair of the Committee, I would like to express deep appreciation to all involved in the competition, particularly the students who delivered such interesting papers. Also thanks to Peter Avery and to the evaluators listed above for helping ensure the success of the competition.

Sincerely,

Carrie Dyck, Executive Member-at-Large
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