

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY, GUANGZHOU, JULY 17, 2013

1 Apologies for absence:

Lise Fontaine (Membership Secretary)
Bernard Mohan (Treasurer, NA, NA rep)
Tom Bartlett (UK rep)
Desiree Motta (Latin America Rep)
Masa-aki Tatsuki (Japan Rep)
Elke Teich (Germany)
Zhu Yongsheng (China)
Sue Hood (Past Conference Chair)
Mick O'Donnell (ISFLA Web Manager)

Present: Wendy Bowcher, Bu Zhanting, David Caldwell, Cai Huiping, Chang Chenguang, Chen Honglin, Chen Minfang, Chen Yumin, Chen Zhixi, Maria Cecilia Colombi, Michael Cummings, Yaegan Doran, Eirian Davies, Deng Renhua, Emi Emilia, Fang Yan, Robin Fawcett, Daniel Fryer, Caroline Handley, Gao Hong, Michael Halliday, He Wei, He Yuanxiu, Huang Guowen, Hyo-Chang Hong, Rosemary Huisman, Natalia Ignatieva, Derek Irwin, Helen Jenkins, Hu Zhuanglin, Jia Peipei, Pauline Jones, Shinji Kawamitsu, Patrick Kiernan, Kuang Zhan, Kelly Lai, Lai Liantao, Marvin Lam, Leng Lei, Li Chunlin, Li Huabin, Li Jie, Li Manliang, Li Tao, Li Xuening, Li Yuanke, Li Zhanzi, Liao Huiqing, Lin Meizhen, Liu Chengyu, Liu Ping, Liu Rui, Liu Ying, Liu Yi, Lu Jian, Lu Yushan, Mao Fanyu, Christian M.I.M. Matthiessen, Miao Xingwei, Harni Kartika Ningsih, Stella Neumann, Kay O'Halloran, Ou Yali, Peng Xuanwei, Kumaran Rajandran, Shi Yunfeng, Song Chengfang, Robert Spence, Erich Steiner, Geoff Thompson, Anne Thwaite, Eija Ventola, Wang Yanhua, Wang Zhenhua, Wen Suijun, Geoff Williams, Xi Hong, Xiao Yi, Xie Cuiping, Xie Min, Yang Bingjun, Yang Caiying, Yang Min, Yang Xueyan, Yao Wang, Yao Yinyan, Yu Changli, Yu Juan, Yu Hui, Zhang Chunyan, Zhang Delu, Zhang Jiao, Zhang Xianrong, Zhang Xu, Zhao Jing.

2 Minutes of the 2012 AGM

These have now been posted, and they will be open for review and corrections for one month (comments to Recording Secretary, Derek.Irwin@nottingham.edu.my), then a revised version will be circulated and, if there are no further corrections, it will be passed by the executive.

3 Reports on the Pre-Congress Institute and ISFC 2013 (Wendy Bowcher)

82 people registered for the pre-congress institute. It was organized on a day-by-day basis, and presentations were by many senior members of community, including a

5-day workshop on intonation by Professor William Greaves and Dr. Meena Debasheesh.

4 Conference report from Chang Chenguang (Congress Co-convenor): the ISFC40 comprised 188 presentations in parallel sessions, 11 plenaries and 2 presentations by Special Invited Guests. With respect to scholarships to attend the congress, he pointed out that, while money cannot be moved out of China (so that it would be difficult for the congress committee to repay to a loan from the ISFC Fund), the congress committee had provided two scholarships and the Marilyn Mohan Fund had provided one, and had added value the inclusion of the conference dinner out of its funds.

5 Report from the Chair, Huang Guowen (Congress Co-convenor): first of all, he thanked the participants. More people, particularly from developing countries, should be encouraged to attend SFL conferences, such as the future congresses in 2016 (Australasia) and 2017 (Asia). We should consider how to provide more international support. As an example, ISFC 40 had provided 3 scholarships, 1 from the Marilyn Mohan Fund and 2 from the congress committee.

5 Upcoming congresses

- April 2014 Mendoza, Argentina
- 2015 Aachen, Germany (Europe)
- 2016 Australasia?
- 2017 Indonesia

Anyone interested in hosting a congress can contact the Chair of ISFLA <flshgw@mail.sysu.edu.cn>. Christian Matthiessen reiterates that Indonesia is likely keen to host the congress in 2017. Emi Emilia agrees that they are ready.

6 Treasurers' report: Attached. Robin Fawcett (the ISFLA-Europe Treasurer) pointed out that we are in generally good shape. We have three accounts in total, and these must be kept separate from local ISFLA accounts. While we have what appears to be a good amount of money, it still doesn't amount to a large buffer in terms of the cost of running a major congress such as ours have now become. The Lisbon ISFC paid in 2,609.43 GBP. The purposes of the ISFLA accounts are to provide seed money and scholarships for ISFCs, along with sending lecturers from SFL centres into areas keen to develop SFL. RF recommended having 6327 GBP in reserve (5000 GBP as recommended in 2007 with 4% per annum increase).

RF also reported (on behalf of Bernie Mohan, the ISFLA-Americas Treasurer) that the North America account has dropped (likely via bank charges) to \$1,619.81CAD.

Chen Honglin (the ISFLA-Australia Treasurer) reported that the ISFLA-Australia account has received 1,370 AUD as the surplus from ISFC39, so that it now has in it \$17,203.90 AUD. The Marilyn Mohan account is to be closed next year, with 1,059 AUD for the final scholarship.

7 Other upcoming SFL conferences

European: July 2014 in Paris

Australia: 1-3 Oct 2013 in Melbourne, Australian Catholic University.

Latin America: Oct 13 2013 meeting in Santiago Chile, Mendoza in April 2014 will host both ISFC and Latin American conferences.

Japan: Annual conference Oct 12-13 2013 in Yokohama.

China: next year's Discourse Analysis Conference is in Xi'an in October.

Hong Kong: various places to host; PolyU will host Freeling Sept 27-28 back-to-back with LAAL (Language Arts and Linguistics) Sept 29-30. ICOM is in HK in 2014.

India: yearly ICEG, typically in January.

Indonesia: annual seminar/conference for November.

8 Other business

8.1 Christian Matthiessen made the point that measurements of productivity by universities typically fail to measure the important aspects of our work; in SFL, instead of competing we should cooperate in development, while still stating that such measurement is wrong. Tools that can help us in this are becoming available, such as Research Gate (researchgate.net) and open access journals.

8.2 Geoff Williams announced that a double issue of *Text and Talk* on Halliday will be appearing in 1-2 months.

9 Date and place of ISFC41

Congress dates: April 14 – 19, 2014

Pre-Congress Institute: April 7 – 11, 2014

Universidad Nacional De Cuyo in Mendoza, Argentina.

ISFLA (EUROPE) TREASURER'S REPORT 2012-13

Summary of the ISFLA (Europe) account with the Co-operative

Bank

Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
		GBP	GBP	GBP
06.07.12	Carried forward			7,685.74
19.03.13	Surplus from ISFC38 in Lisbon	2,609.43		10,295.17
06.07.12	Interest	8.08		10,303.25

Summary of ISFLA (Europe) account

This account is now in a healthy position. This is in large measure due to the careful stewardship of the finances for the very successful ISFC38 held in Lisbon, which was so ably organized by Carlos Gouveia. The surplus that he was able to pass on to ISFLA is among the largest that we have ever received.

My recommendation to the 2007 AGM was that we should keep at least GBP 5,000 in this account, to be able to cover any possible shortfall in a future congress held in Europe, and we have achieved that. However, if we allow for a 4% increase per annum, we now need to keep GBP 6327 in reserve.

Robin Fawcett, 20.06.13

ISFLA (AMERICAS) TREASURER'S REPORT 2012-13

Bernie Mohan has asked me (RF) to present this report:

The balance of the bank account in Vancouver, Canada, as of May 17th, 2013 is \$ 1,619.81. Apart from bank charges, there are no expenditures.*

Bernie Mohan, 25.06.13

The last report recorded in my files was for 2007, when the balance was CAD 2000.
Robin Fawcett, 28.06.13

* Surprisingly, this account is in the name of NASFLA, but Bernie Mohan, Geoff Williams (formerly of UBC Vancouver and Organizer of the ISFC in Vancouver in 2010) and I believe, after investigations, that this is in fact the ISFLA account.

ISFLA Account (Australia) Treasurer Report 2013

ISFLA account

Brought forward (July 1, 2012): **\$13,256.57 (AUD)**
Balance as at April 30, 2013: **\$17,203.90 (AUD)**

Income:

Return of ISFC seed money: **\$3,000 (AUD)**
ISFC39 Surplus: **\$1,870 (AUD)**

Outgoing:

Late conference invoice payment: **\$150 (AUD)**
Travel support to Prof Bev **\$500 (AUD)**
Derewianka to attend ALSFAL 2012
ISFLA website maintenance: **\$272.67 (AUD)**

The Maria Helena Foundation

Brought forward (July 2012): **\$2565.97 (AUD)**
Balance as at July 2013: **\$1529.96 (AUD)**

Outgoing: **\$1,130 (Marilyn Mohan Scholarship 2013)**
Interest: **\$93.99 (AUD)**

Estimated balance: **\$1,059 (AUD)**
Yet to pay the balance
of the scholarship **\$440 (USD)**

Report prepared by Honglin Chen, ISFLA Treasurer (Australia)
15/07/13