

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION
Annual General Meeting
Mendoza 16/04/14

1. Apologies: Wendy Boucher, Honglin Chen, Tom Bartlett, Derek Irwin, Rosemary Huisman, Geoff Thompson

Present: Silvia Rivena Affaro, Leila Barbara, Norma Barletta, Margaret Berg, Cristina Boccia, Fausto Caels, Marina Castano, Cecelia Colombi, Jose Duran, Robin Fawcett, Huang Guowen, Beia Gaiua, Jorquera Germani, Miriam Germani, Carlos A.M Gouveia, Luisa Granato, Samiah Hassan, Laura Hlovacka, Sue Hood, Helen Jenkins, Pauline Jones, Patrick Keirnan, Alex Kunst, Liliana Lacour, Kwok Ling Lau, Annabelle Lukin, Martin Marusich, James Martin, Karl Maton, Corinne Maxwell-Reid, Maria Leticia Mocerco, Nick Moore, Gillian Moss, Stella Neumann, Sara Regina Scotta Oabral, Cargnelutti Pamela, Paola Parra, Mariana De la Penna, Patricia Preciado, Beatriz Quiroz-Olivares, Lucia Rivas, Federico Rojas, Mark Shum, Jorquera Vanina, Eija Ventola, Maria Laura Walter, He Wei

2. Minutes of 2013 AGM accepted

3. Report from outgoing Chair, Huang Guowen:

Guowen identified the achievements of the outgoing committee as four successful congresses, the promotion of SFL publications, establishing new contacts and widening access to congresses. On behalf of the committee, he thanked the following for their encouragement, advice and support for the past three years:

- Senior SFL scholars: Halliday, Thompson, Colombi, Fawcett, Martin.
- Congresses convenors: Carlos of ISFC38, Sue of ISFC39, Chenguang of ISFC40, and Samiah, Laura and Cristina of ISFC41.
- SFL scholars who actively took part in SFL activities in the whole world.
- Members in the outgoing committee (especially Wendy Bowcher), congress convenors and scholars for supporting ISFLA.

4. Election of new Committee

For the benefit of the meeting attendees, Guowen explained the processes with respect to Committee (particularly Chair and Deputy Chair) selection. Every 3 years the Chair and the Deputy Chair rotate between regions, nominations being proposed by a search committee led by the ex-chair. Ex chairs include Cecilia Colombi (2005-2008, America), Geoff Thompson (2008-2011, Europe), Huang Guowen (2011-2014, Asia). Accordingly, the 2014-2017 chair is from Australia/New Zealand.

He introduced the proposed executive committee 2014-2017 (seconded by Cecilia Columbi):

Chair: Rosemary Huisman
Deputy Chair: Stella Neumann
Membership Secretary: Lise Fontaine
Recording Secretary: Derek Irwin

Treasurers: Robin Fawcett (Europe), Honglin Chen (Australia), Bernie Mohan (N. America)

International Committee members are Tom Bartlett (UK), Samiah Hassan (Latin America), Pauline Jones (Australia), Bernie Mohan (North America), Makoto Sasaki.(Japan), Elke Teich (Germany), Peng Xuanwei (China).

Ex-Officio Members are Huang Guowen (Past Chair), Huang Guowen & Chang Chenguang (Past Congress Convenors), Samiah Hassan, Laura Hlavacka, & Cristina Boccia (Past Congress Convenors), Stella Neumann, Jennifer Fest, Nicole Hutzen & Paula Niemietz (2015 Convenors), Mick O'Donnell (ISFLA Web manager)

Stella Neumann then took the chair.

5. Report on the Congress Institute and ISFC 2014 (Samiah Hassan). Six Institute courses were held, 4 before and 2 afterwards, with 126 participants in total. There were 228 conference attendees and approximately 130 papers presented.

6. Upcoming congresses:

ISFC 2015 Europe; 2016 Australasia; 2017 Asia; 2018 America. There was some concern that the venue for 2016 in Australia has not yet been settled. The meeting resolved that the ASFLA executive would negotiate with the Indonesian committee to see if they wish to move the Indonesian conference to 2016, as they had previously hoped to host a conference earlier than 2017. Australia would then host 2017. (moved Eija Ventola, seconded Helen Jenkins).

Other upcoming SFL conferences: Gillian Moss reported that the 2015 XI Congresso ALSFAL will be in Santa Maria, Brazil. Frances Low and team are organizing ICOM 7 at Hong Kong Polytechnic University June 9-11. Peter White together with Helen Caple and their team from UNSW are hosting the 2014 Australian conference 30 Sep to 2nd Oct. Details can be found on the conference website <http://asfla2014.org/conference>. Look out also for Peter's Appraisal symposium in third week of February 2015. For more detailed conference information see <http://www.isfla.org/Systemics/Conferences/Timetable.html>

7. Treasurers' reports (see attached)

8. Other business:

Jim Martin raised the matters of visas for attendees to international conferences. A number of scholars were unable to attend the Mendoza conference because of troubles with visas. Jim suggested that the conference convenor appoints a committee member to take carriage of visa requirements at least 12 months before the conference. This person would identify countries from which participants were likely to come, seek out and publish visa requirements on the conference website early, and ensure abstract submissions were dealt with early enough to ensure ample time for visa applications to be processed.

ISFLA (EUROPE) TREASURER'S REPORT 2013-14

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

Date	Description	Paid in GBP	Paid out GBP
06.07.13	Balance Carried forward		
			10,303.25
13.07.13	Expenses in connection with ISFC40	140.00	10,263.25
15.04.14	Interest (estimated)		10.07
			10,277.32

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 till 2013 and 3% thereafter we now need to keep GBP 6517 in reserve.

Robin Fawcett, 15.04.14

ISFLA Account (Australia) Treasurer Report 2012

ISFLA account

Brought forward (August 30 2013): **\$17,203.90** (AUD)

Balance as at March 1 2014: **\$17,203.90** (AUD)

Outgoing: 0

The Maria Helena Foundation

Brought forward (10 July 2013): **\$1529.96** (AUD)

Balance as at 31 December 2013: **\$1546.09** (AUD)

Outgoing: 0

Interest: **\$16.13** (AUD)

Report prepared by Honglin Chen, ISFLA Treasurer (Australia)

08/04/2014