

**International Systemic Functional Linguistics Association**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Bandung, ISFC43 19-23 July 2016**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Chang Chenguang, Giacomo Figueredo, Hanita Hassan, Susan Hood, Derek Irwin, Pauline Jones (minutes), Yi Ling, Jim Martin, Christian Matthiessen, Tan Swee Mee, Estela Ines Moyano, Nurlala, Beatriz Quiroz, Andres Ramirez, Kumaran Rojandran, Yenni Rozimela, Makoto Sasaki, T. Silvana Sinar, Suriyadi, Susanto, Tingjia Wang

1 *Apologies for absence:* Rosemary Huisman, Stella Neuman, Lise Fontaine, Carlos Gouveia, Bernie Mohan, Honglin Chen

2 *In memoriam: Geoff Thompson* Christian Matthiessen reported on the tribute to Geoff at the recent European conference. He referred to Geoff as ‘a central node in the network,’ who made a considerable contribution both theoretically in expanding functional grammar, in contributing to ‘Functions of Language’ journal, and socially in supporting scholars and meetings all over the world. One meeting participant commented that he would have participated fully in the Bandung conference and was much missed.

3 *Minutes of the 2015 AGM* – These have been posted on the ISFLA website and will be available for the next 2 weeks. If there are no objections or amendments, they will be considered passed.

4 *Matters arising* - nil

5 *Chair's Report (see attached)* – There were presented on Rosemary Huisman’s behalf by Derek Irwin.

6 *Reports on the Congress Institute and ISFC 2016*

Emi Emilia reported that there were 175 registrations: 104 from Indonesia and 71 from outside Indonesia. The Language Centre subsidised a further 28 teacher-participants to attend the conference. Emi acknowledged the Minister of Education’s support for the conference, evident in his opening of the proceedings. She pointed out that the Congress represents collaboration between the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Research and Technology, and UPI. The extent of local participation indicated the extent of interest in SFL in Indonesia.

7 *Upcoming congresses*

7.1 ISFC 2017 - Wollongong, Australia

7.2 ISFC 2018 - Boston, USA

7.3 ISFC 2023 – Cardiff, Wales

7.4 *Motion (moved J. R. Martin, seconded Carlos A. M. Gouveia)*

That as far as the location of future ISFC congresses is concerned we move from a 4 year to a 5 year cycle, keeping the current Asia, Australia, Americas, Europe sequence but splitting the Americas into US/Canada and Latin America, thereby providing Latin America with a turn in the sequence in 2019.

ESFLA response (via Anne McCabe): All of the members assembled expressed a strong preference for the current four area rotation of the ISFC, with the European area being on occasion expanded to include other interested areas of the Mediterranean and Africa. At present there is no suggestion for a European site for 2019 (to which it corresponds in the current rotation), and all agreed that, if another bid is in, the ISFC could be held in another location that year.

Meeting participants expressed strong support for the original motion, noting that Latin America is a separate continent with a distinctive community of scholars in many areas of SFL. The motion was passed.

7.5 ISFC 2019 – Beatriz Quiroz expressed interest in hosting ISFC 2019 in Chile. In principle, the AGM supported this and encouraged Beatriz to pursue negotiations with her institution and SLF scholars from the area.

#### *7.6 Other SFL (& SFL related) conferences*

Pauline Jones reported that Karl Maton and team are holding LCT2 the week before ISFC 2017, with the LCT workshop forming part of the ISFC Institute. It is expected that a number of participants will be attending both conferences and staying on for the Institute.

Christian Matthiessen advised that the European Conference will be held in Salamanca, Spain on 29<sup>th</sup> June to July 1st in 2017.

#### *8 ISFLA Treasurers' reports*

8.1 Carlos Gouveia (Europe): Robin Fawcett has so far been unable to complete the complex business of transferring the ISFLA (Europe) Treasurership to Prof Carlos Gouveia of the University of Lisbon, but the sum in the account is the same as in last year's report, i.e. £10,088.60.

8.2 Bernie Mohan (North America): The balance of the NAFSLA bank account in Vancouver, Canada as of June 9th, 2016 is \$ 1,140.81. there are no expenditures apart from bank charges.

8.3 Honglin Chen (Australia): Pauline Jones presented report on behalf of Honglin Chen (see attached ).

#### *9 Regional news and welcomes: Nil*

#### *10 Any other business*

Christian Matthiessen raised the issue of publication as an important endeavour for SFL theory and application, particularly ensuring that publication avenues are maintained and developed. He observed the current gap on the editorial board of Functions of Language and further, of the importance of supporting journals such as Functional Linguistics.

Associated with this is the importance of recognising colleagues' endeavours through citation and contributing to existing journals such as the Indonesian Journal of Systemic Functional Linguistics.

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**Chair's Report**

1. Thank you to Derek Irwin for acting as Chair in my absence. I'd like personally to record my gratitude to the late Geoff Thompson, for his particular kindness in helping me with the details of being Chair of ISFLA. Geoff was always the person to go to, for advice that was practical, encouraging - and diplomatic. I miss him.

2. ISFLA continues to see a healthy spread in the practice of systemic functional linguistics around the world. This is the first year ISFC has been held in Indonesia, and the ISFLA Committee warmly expresses its thanks to Dr Emi Emilia and her colleagues for their work in convening this Congress and the following Institute.

The Committee also welcomes the increased participation of members of NASFLA (North American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association), founded in 2002. In 2018, ISFC will be held in the United States (at Boston) after a gap of some thirty years (previous congresses in the USA were in 1985 and 1988). [amended RH]

Later on the Agenda, you will debate a motion that speaks to the enthusiasm of ALSFAL (Latin American Systemic Functional Linguistics Association).

In summary, the International Committee congratulates every regional association (adding Europe, Australia, China and Japan to those already mentioned) for their continued expansion, and thanks everyone for their readiness to volunteer as host for the annual ISFC - a lot of hard work, but greatly appreciated.

For all regions, in the Agenda item on Regional News, please mention any significant event held or publication issued in your region.

3. Finally, I must thank the members of the Executive and International Committees for enabling ISFLA to function. In particular, special personal thanks to Stella Neumann and Lise Fontaine, for their speedy replies to my many queries, and to the three regional Treasurers, Carlos Gouveia, Bernie Mohan and Honglin Chen for keeping us solvent. A specially hearty thank you to Mick O'Donnell, ISFLA Web Manager, for keeping us all in contact. And - ending as I began - many thanks to Derek Irwin, for his sensible advice in the past and now for reading these words.

Rosemary Huisman  
Chair, ISFLA

ISFLA account

Brought forward (June 30 2015): **\$17,203.90** (AUD)  
Balance as at 31 May 2016: **\$17,044.7** (AUD)

Outgoing: **\$159.20\***  
\*Flowers for Hasan Ruqaiya's funeral

The Maria Helena Foundation

Brought forward (10 July 2015): **\$1591.03** (AUD)  
Balance as at 1 July 2016: **\$1612.67** (AUD)

Outgoing: 0  
Interest: **\$21.64** (AUD)

Report prepared by Honglin Chen, ISFLA Treasurer (Australia)  
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