

**International Systemic Functional Linguistics Association
Annual General Meeting
Santiago, ISFC46 22-26 July 2019**

Agenda

Attendance:

Luis López Acosta, Rodrigo Lima Acosta, Sanielle Almeida, Carina Avila, Norma Baletta, Maria Eugenia Batista, Cristina Boccio, Scotta Cabral, Callegro, Anidene De Siqueira Cecchin, Diana Chamorro, Leonora Díaz, Yaegan Doran, Shooshi Dreyfus, Patricia Baeza Duffy, Laura Flores, Alexandra Garcia, María Belén Gauna, Carla Carine Gerhardt, Samiah Hassan, Laura Hlavacka, Susan Hood, Sally Humphrey, Helen Jenkins, Erick Kader, Patrick Kiernan, Mira Kim, Long Li, Natalia Leira, Margarita Vidal Lizama, Dominique Manghi, Jim Martin, Gillian Moss, Teresa Oteíza, Mariana Pascual, Sarah Isabel Pérez, Claudio Pinuer, Andrés Ramirez, Sara Regina, Marcos Rogério Ribeiro, Daniel Rodríguez-Vergara, Ana Paula Carvalho Schmidt, Miriam Taverniers, Orlando Vian Junior, Pin Wang, Ingrid Westhoff, Peter White.

1 *Apologies for absence:* Tom Bartlett, Helen Caple (Shooshi Dreyfus acting ASFLA rep), Honglin Chen, Lise Fontaine, Gail Forey (Miriam Taverniers acting ESFLA rep), Carlos Gouveia, Rosemary Huisman, Derek Irwin (Yaegan Doran acting Secretary), Pauline Jones, Mick O'Donnell, Makoto Sasaki (Patrick Kiernan acting Japan rep)

2. *Welcome and Executive:*
Teresa Oteíza welcomed and gave an overview of the ISFLA executive:

Chair:	Teresa Oteíza
Deputy Chair:	Tom Bartlett
Membership Secretary:	Lise Fontaine
Recording Secretary:	Derek Irwin
Treasurers:	Carlos Gouveia (Europe) Bernie Mohan (N. America) Honglin Chen (Australia)

International Committee

Helen Caple (Australia) Peng Xuanwei (China) Gail Forey (Europe) Makoto Sasaki (Japan) Norma Barletta (Latin America) Bernie Mohan (North America)

Ex-Officio Members

Past Chair	Rosemary Huisman
Past Conference Convenor	Maria Brisk
Upcoming Conference Convenor	Teresa Oteíza
Moderator of Syfling	Lise Fontaine
ISFLA Web manager	Mick O'Donnell

3 *In Memorium:*

Gunther Kress & Nan Fries

- Teresa Oteíza spoke to a proposal for writing an *in memoriam* for Gunther Kress and Nan Fries who both passed away in the past year.
- Jim Martin noted that Theo van Leeuwen has written a nice memoriam to Gunther for *Discourse and Society*.
- Oteíza asked for volunteers for Kress memoriam, before proposing it could be written by the executive committee.
 - o Seconded by Peter White, **passed unanimously.**
 - o **Action ISFLA executive committee: memorium for Gunther Kress**
- Andrés Ramirez noted that NASFLA had written an *in memoriam* for Nan Fries in conjunction with Peter Fries.
- Annabelle Lukin volunteered to write the *in memoriam* for Nan Fries
 - o **Action Annabelle Lukin: memorium for Nan Fries**

4 *Minutes of the 2018 AGM*

- Oteíza called for approval of the minutes. **Approved unanimously.**

5 *Chair's Report-* Teresa Oteíza

Proposal for 5 years cycle among the 5 regions of the association approved at the AGM 2018. To regularize the cycle, the following sequence from 2024 was proposed:

- 1- North America (2024)
- 2- Asia (2025)
- 3- Latin America (2026)
- 4- Australia (2027)
- 5- Europe (2028)

- Noted that the conferences until 2023 do not precisely fit the cycle due to Cardiff hosting 2023.

Report on 46ISFC in Santiago- Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, 2019

The congress took place at Pontifical Catholic University, campus San Joaquín from July 17 to 26, 2019.

Pre-Congress Institute: July 17- July 19

Facultad de Letras,
Campus San Joaquín

Congress: July 22- July 26, 2019

Santiago, Chile
Centro de Extensión

Pre- Congress Institute: There were six courses (July 17-19) attended by 93 participants, many of whom took two courses. The courses were taught in English and in Spanish and they were organized as introductory and advanced levels. The courses were attended by upper division undergraduate students, graduate students and researchers. Instructors and students seemed very satisfied with the learning experience and the variety of courses offered.

On Wednesday 24th was the “Language and Education Day” to which primary and secondary teachers were invited. The two plenaries that day, given by Dominique Manghi from Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso and by Andrés Ramírez from Florida Atlantic University, addressed language education and sociosemiotics with a special focus on social change (the theme of this congress).

There were 8 plenaries, 11 colloquia, and 152 accepted papers in the congress. All sessions were very well attended. Authors came from 15 different countries that represent the five regions of the congress: Belgium, Japan, China, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Germany, United States, Australia, Mexico, Colombia, Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina and Chile.

7 *Upcoming congresses*

- Oteíza reported on upcoming congresses:

2020. Shenzhen, China

- This was originally planned for Guangzhou, but Wang Pin corrected that next year’s ISFC will in fact be a Shenzhen, as Alex Peng has moved university.

2021. Tunisia

2022. NSW, Australia

- Oteiza noted receipt of interest from Mira Kim for the University of NSW, Sydney, Australia, but was still waiting to receive a formal proposal. The committee would then announce the proposal on Sysfling at least one month before making a decision.
- Mira Kim spoke to the UNSW bid, emphasizing that UNSW is very willing to host but that formal procedures at UNSW have not yet been completed. If the UNSW bid was successful, the conference would be moved from July (winter in Australia) to the beginning of December (summer). The conference would be actively oriented toward inviting people using SFL but who would normally not engage in the community, such as many translation scholars. The provisional theme is “Breaking the Barriers.”

2023. Cardiff, UK.

2024. North America.

2025. Asia.

2026. Latin America.

2027. Australia.

2028. Europe.

- Sysflat proposed to hold ISFC 2021 in March (third or fourth week): Akila Sellami.
 - Martin, Moyano and Wang noted that March is the beginning of semester for Australia, Latin America and China, so not a good time as people from many regions could not make it.
 - There was a suggestion from the floor to time the congress with Easter, since some regions provide a week off. This was not generally approved.
 - Margarita Vidal Lizama and Peter White suggested checking back with Tunisia to discuss.
 - Oteiza suggested negotiating through the next twelve months and revisiting at the Shenzhen ISFC.
 - Action: ISFLA executive committee to negotiate with Sysflat over timing of ISFC 2021.

8 *ISFLA Treasurers' reports*

- Reports submitted as written below:

8.1 Carlos Gouveia (Europe):

ISFLA (EUROPE) TREASURER'S REPORT 2018-19

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

AMOUNT: 10,088.60 GBP carried forward from last report

11,297.45 EURO

13,219.53 USD

Summary of ISFLA (Europe) account:

We succeeded in transferring the signatories for the account from Professor Robin Fawcett to Dr Tom Bartlett and Dr Nick Moore. No activity was registered in the account since last year.

8.2 Bernie Mohan (North America)

- No report submitted.

7.3 Honglin Chen (Australia):

Balance as at June 1 2019: \$17,277.46 (AUD)

- Miriam Taverniers noted that the European accounts still require signatories. There was an effort to shift the names and country of the account, but this has not yet been completed.
- Oteiza noted that Latin America and Asia do not have ISFLA accounts. She inquired whether all regions should have an account

o Action: **ISFLA executive committee to discuss regional account policy**

- Shoshana Dreyfus re-raised the as-yet unresolved issue discussed in the previous AGM regarding what to do with profits from ISFC. She noted that when a region hosts an ISFC, the national or regional association does not host their own conference, and so loses potential profits. She suggested a profit-sharing model where national/regional organisations hosting ISFCs can share that year's ISFC profits. She further noted that Asia may be an issue here as there is no single regional association for Asia, but rather many smaller national associations.

- Oteiza suggested that a single rule for all regions was not possible, but that the ISFLA committee write guidelines for the range of possibilities for how monies from conferences can occur, to discuss with regional associations.
 - o Action: ISFLA executive committee to discuss and write draft guidelines for conference funds.

9. *Announcement from membership secretary, Lise Fontaine*

“The ISFLA email announcement list will be moving to a new host.

The new email address is: ISFLA@JISCMAIL.AC.UK.

The ISFLA list has always been for announcements only and this means that members do not post messages. The Sysfling list is for discussions.

I will be making the change in the next week. This message is simply to let you know that I will be adding you all to the new list. You will then be able to change your subscription if you so choose”.

10 *Proposals:*

10.1 Proposal for establishing an M.A.K. Halliday Materials Collection (Shooshi Dreyfus, ASFLA)

- Shoshana Dreyfus spoke to the proposal. She noted that there is a significant collection of Michael Halliday’s and Ruqaiya Hasan’s papers and notes held by David Butt, and called for suggestions as to how to archive these, including hosting, funds etc.

10.2 Annabelle Lukin: That gender parity be a principle in the selection of plenary and keynote speakers at all ISFCs

- Annabelle Lukin put forward the motion: *that at least 50% of plenary speakers are female at ISFCs.*
- Alex Garcia noted that there should also be a balance of ethnic and nationality diversity, as well as a balance of young and more established scholars.
- Annabelle Lukin suggested guidelines could be written before the next ISFC and discussed in Shenzhen.
- Margarita Vidal Lizama also noted that it would be good to consider different languages.

- Jim Martin suggested that plenaries in languages other than English may exclude large sections of the community.
- Margarita Vidal Lizama responded that the same thing could be said for all English plenaries, excluding non-English speakers.
- Shoshana Dreyfus inquired whether ISFLA should adopt a lingua franca (and if so, should it be English), or should we decide that we should not have one.
- Peter White suggested that slides could be given in both languages or have some translation.
- Yaegan Doran proposed that we leave it up to the local organisers for the countries hosting to decide rather than deciding from the top down.
- Ingrid Westhoff suggested that without at least an informal lingua franca we would not be able to have discussion in the meeting.
- Gillian Moss raised the point that although we should have English as lingua franca for meetings, each local organizing committee could make a decision for the conference itself.
- Long Li noted that a significant part of the community is translation studies, so interpreting could be done, and volunteered to help find interpreters if local organisers are interested.
- Sue Hood returned to the gender parity issue, noting that there had been a significant positive shift in the last few years toward gender parity and a mix of younger and older scholars in the international SFL community.
- Annabelle Lukin noted that the European SFL conference was not as diverse as she would like.
- Shooshi Dreyfus suggested a motion at the current meeting.
- Annabelle Lukin suggested that the wording of any motion was important, so should be discussed over the next 12 months.
- Jim Martin noted that this could be an issue with some areas of the world where issues of diversity are not at the forefront of discussion.
- Annabelle Lukin pointed out that this emphasizes that such an encouragement for diversity and inclusion is needed.
- Teresa Oteíza wrapped up the discussion, suggesting that the ISFLA

committee could discuss the matter over the next twelve months in conjunction with regional associations.

- o Action ISFLA executive committee to discuss guidelines for gender, ethnicity, and language of plenary speakers.

10.3 Hesham Suleiman Alyousef: creating an SFLA in the Middle East

- Teresa Oteiza spoke to Hesham Suleiman Alyousef's proposal. She noted that regional committees are free to organize their own regional associations if they wish, and that ISFLA approval is not needed.

11 Regional news and welcomes:

11.1 Report on Indonesian activities (Shooshi Dreyfus)

- Dreyfus reported on growth of Indonesian activities.

12 Any other business

- Shooshi Dreyfus questioned why much of the ISFLA executive and international committee was not at the conference; 10 from 12 of the committee and all non-Latin American members are not in attendance, with many not sending representatives. She further noted that in recent times it is not an uncommon occurrence for much of the ISFLA committee not to be in attendance. She suggested that there should be a general commitment to coming to the conferences if one nominates for a position on the ISFC committee, which received general agreement.
- Annabelle Lukin moved a vote of thanks to the conference organisers, which was unanimously agreed upon.

Meeting end.