



AILA-Europe Meeting

June 19, 2013, 14-16.15h

Dublin, Ireland

Minutes (draft)

Present: Lorna Carson (IRAAL, Ireland), Maria Del Pilar Garcia Mayo (AESLA Spain), Krista Kerge (EAAL, Estonia), Karlfried Knapp (EuJAL), Margit Langemets (EAAL, Estonia), Katja Mäntylä (AFinLA, Finland), Kathrin Oberhofer (*verbal*, Austria), Angeliki Psaltou-Joycey (GALA, Greece, from 16.00h), Mary Ruane (IRAAL, Ireland), Bernd Rüschoff (GAL, Germany, AILA President), Antje Wilton (Coordinator)

TOP 1: Reports

- Junior Researcher's Meeting, Dublin
 - Lorna Carson reports on the organisation of the Junior Researchers' Meeting; there are 80 papers in parallel sessions on two days, 140 acceptances of registration and a turnout of 100 attendants. The participants come from 20 European countries, plus some participants from overseas countries. AILA-Europe congratulates Lorna and her team for the excellent organisation of the event.
- Affiliates' News
 - Maria Pilar Garcia Mayo reports that AESLA's journal is now published by John Benjamins.
- EuJAL
 - Karlfried Knapp reports on the current state of the journal: The first issue is out and includes high quality papers as well as a section on one AILA-Europe affiliate, in this issue on the Finnish AFinLA. The affiliate's section of the second issue will be filled by the Irish affiliate IRAAL. Furthermore, each issue contains a section which reports on European projects and their results. This section has been introduced because many European projects do not result in a scientific publication, but only disseminate their outcomes on websites or at conferences. Affiliates are asked to disseminate invitations for issue 4 among their members.
 - Karlfried Knapp will continue as Editor-in Chief until Issue 5, which will be a special issue on intercultural business communication. After that, Jan ten Thije will take over as editor. The affiliates are asked to put forward names for possible assistant editors once Jan ten Thije has taken over.



- The advisory board members have been asked to get involved or assist with the reviewing process of submitted manuscripts.
- AILA EBIC – Update (President's Report)
 - The AILA EBIC meeting 2013 had to be shifted from August to September because of a planned visit by the Pope to Rio de Janeiro. The visit includes a site inspection for the AILA World Congress 2017.
 - It is planned to digitalize the AILA Review - there might be a virtual vote on this matter in case attendance at the EBIC meeting in Rio is low.
 - The AILA World Congress 2014 is in full preparation. There are about 2000 paper proposals and the organisers take care to have as many regions in the world represented as possible. Vice President Clare Kramsch is very active in acquiring donations for the solidarity scheme.
 - In 2014, the decision for the congress venue 2020 will be taken. A venue in Europe could be an option as the last World Congress in Europe was in 2008.
 - All AILA affiliates have paid their dues.
 - AILA-Europe is still the only established regionalisation initiative within AILA. Further efforts to regionalise are being taken.

TOP 2: Election of AILA-Europe Coordinator (2013-2015)

Antje Wilton is the only applicant for the position and offers to continue for a further 2-year term of office.

This is approved unanimously.

TOP 3: Political Activities

- The idea to formulate a resolution to support language departments in European universities is further pursued. It is suggested that AILA-Europe affiliates should be asked to give information about the effect of the financial crisis on the language departments in their country. This information will then be used to formulate a strong-worded statement to relevant authorities and funding bodies to alert them to the situation and to make them aware of neglected areas or research that need funding.
- Furthermore, it is decided that a survey addressing research priorities and preferences of individual AILA-Europe members should be conducted via survey monkey. This survey is then a kind of downsized follow-up on a similar survey conducted in 2007.

TOP 4: Invitation for Proposal of Joint Research Activities in AILA-Europe

- There is the initiative to start joint research activities within AILA-Europe which address a decidedly European issue. The topics suggested by participants are:



- risk and safety communication
 - mobility in healthcare services
 - language and citizenship
 - EFL in primary language classrooms
 - assessment of CEFR in European countries
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- It is planned to select two or three of the above mentioned topics and invite affiliates to present the current situation/research in their country on one of the topics in a pre-meeting workshop. As a result of the workshop it should be decided if and if yes, which of the topic could be an area of common research activity. In particular, it has to be decided which funding bodies are relevant for the chosen topic, i.e. Horizon 2000/ the 8th FP which is likely to be published in the summer of 2014 (with deadlines for the call in January/February of 2015).

TOP 5: Future events

- The Junior Researcher's Meeting and AILA-Europe Meeting 2014 will be held in May in Jyväskylä, Finland, and hosted by the Finnish AILA-Europe affiliate AFinLA. It will comprise the above mentioned pre-meeting workshop, the Junior Researchers' Meeting and the AILA-Europe Business meeting. For 2015, there is a proposal from VALS-ASLA to hold the event in Winterthur, Switzerland, and for 2016, there is a proposal for Tallin, Estonia.

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