BAAL Language Learning and Teaching Special Interest Group:  
Notes of interim business meeting, 8 September 2006, University College Cork

Present: 12 members/prospective members

1. Report on SIG probationary period

Ros Mitchell reported that a formal report on the probationary period of the SIG had been submitted for consideration at the BAAL Executive Committee meeting, together with most of the requested supporting documentation (constitution and list of members). However, some supporting information (accounts for the Southampton conference) had not been supplied in time for consideration by the EC and consequently the formal approval of the SIG had been deferred until the next EC meeting. She apologised for the delay which had been due to a misunderstanding about the exact information wanted.

Catherine Walter reported that the EC was now requiring all SIGs to have a designated treasurer. Richard Kiely volunteered to take on this role for the LLT SIG until the next elections due summer 2007.

CW also reported that SIGs were expected to submit costings for upcoming events to the BAAL Treasurer for approval in advance. Ros Mitchell undertook to pass this information to the organisers of the SIG 2007 event.

2. Upcoming events

It was confirmed that the next SIG conference would take place in July 2007 at the University of Lancaster with Martin Bygate and Gin Samuda as joint organisers – exact date still to be announced, but the theme was to be “Towards a Researched Pedagogy”. The 2008 event would take place at the University of Greenwich with Alessandro Benati and Karen Roehr (Essex) as organisers.

It was reported that the 2006 BAAL Annual Meeting programme included a SIG track with 8 strong papers, the maximum permitted – other papers submitted for inclusion in the track had been included elsewhere in the programme. The LLT SIG had received much the largest number of SIG submissions for the AM. It was agreed that we would favour a SIG track (rather than a symposium) at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Edinburgh as well.

3. Proposal for SIG journal

At the last business meeting in April 2006 Martin Bygate had brought forward a suggestion for a journal to be sponsored by the SIG. There was continuing enthusiasm for the idea but a formal proposal was still awaited.

4. Replacement for Co-Convenor

During Emma Marsden’s maternity leave Gee Macrory agreed to act as SIG Co-Convenor.

Ros Mitchell
15.9.06