



Annual General Meeting
4.30-5.30pm, 2nd September 2016, room 026, Lord Ashcroft Building
(LOB), Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge

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Chair's Report

Research Excellence Framework consultation

On behalf of BAAL I submitted a response to the consultation stage of Lord Stern's review of the Research Excellence Framework. I am grateful to Greg Myers, Susan Hunston, Li Wei and Alison Wray for the information they offered in connection with the BAAL response. UCGAL, LAGB and BAAL shared draft responses before submission, to ensure that we were co-ordinating key messages. The report is now published, along with a synthesis of responses. One of the key points in the BAAL response related to representation of applied linguistics on different Units of Assessment; the Stern report states "We have heard arguments for changes to specific Units of Assessment but believe that this is a matter best left to the funding bodies through consultation with the specific research communities which are likely to be affected." A key task now is to ensure that BAAL feeds into relevant consultations with HEFCE as they formulate an operational plan for REF2021.

Award nominations

I have organised nominations of BAAL members for Honorary Membership of AILA, and for Fellowship of the Academy of Social Sciences. In response to BAAL's nomination, AILA has awarded Martin Bygate Honorary Membership of the Association in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of Applied Linguistics. The AcSS nominations process is still underway.

Documents

The final version of the new edition of 'Good Practice in Applied Linguistics' (BAAL Research Ethics Guidelines), the writing of which was initiated by Greg Myers, was finalised in May and is now available on the BAAL website. At our May meeting, the Executive Committee agreed to endorse the document "Guidelines for Communicating Rights to Non-Native Speakers of English in Australia, England and Wales, and the USA", produced by the Multilingual Rights group, and will shortly be uploaded to the website too.

Dovetail

Dovetail informed us in March that Jeanie Taylor would be ceasing to work on the BAAL contract. Jeanie has served BAAL well for many years, and we sent her an appropriate token of our thanks. Andy Cawdell has taken over Jeanie's work since then; we understand that this is likely to be an interim measure, and that a new member of Dovetail will take on the BAAL "portfolio" in due course.

Diversity matters

The BAAL member elected to the role of Ordinary Member/Diversity Officer at last year's AGM stood down from the Committee in January, and in our May meeting the Executive Committee tasked an Ordinary Member to take on the role of overseeing and monitoring matters relating to diversity and equality of opportunity in BAAL's activities, communications and profile. We will put the case for formalising this arrangement to the AGM.

AILA

Susan Hunston is a Member of the AILA Executive Board, and I am grateful to her for facilitating communication between BAAL and AILA this year. I have agreed to represent BAAL on AILA's International Committee. I have also been in contact with

the AILA Europe committee, who are keen for BAAL to join their network. I will put the case for joining AILA-Europe to the AGM, for discussion and decision.

Obituary

Although Alan Davies is not the only applied linguist whose passing we have marked this year, his role as Chair of BAAL 1976-79 means that it is appropriate to formally mention him in this report. Alan had an immense influence on the shape of our discipline, our association, and, for many of us, the landscape of our research. We are grateful to Tim McNamara for the sensitive and informative obituary to Alan that he wrote for the most recent edition of BAALNews.

Other activities during my first year in post have included consolidating relationships with partner organisations, working with other EC members to ease the smooth running of our key operations (including recruitment of members, conference organisation), and representing BAAL in communications and consultations. In conducting these activities, I have been grateful to EC members and BAAL representatives on affiliate organisations for their fast responses to queries, their supportive suggestions, and their close attention to the interests and profile of the Association.

Tess Fitzpatrick, August 2016

Secretary's Report

Update:

Since the May meeting I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks and queries to BAAL and have managed the process of past and future changeover of the executive membership and helped new members settle into their posts. I have also reviewed two books for the book prize.

Anglia Ruskin 2016 conference:

There will be **three** ordinary member's posts coming up for election during the AGM. The following **six** officer posts will also become available, although the Secretary, Seminars Coordinator and Meeting Secretary are permitted to stand for a second term should they want to:

- Secretary
- Meetings Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Postgraduate Development and Liaison Coordinator
- Seminars Coordinator
- Web Editor

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought. I will coordinate these elections during the AGM meeting.

Thank you:

I would like to say a big thank you to the outgoing officers and ordinary members for the hard work and commitment to BAAL during their time on the EC.

Dawn Knight, August 2016

Treasurer's Report

To be received

Meetings Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months, I have been liaising with the LOCs and potential hosts of BAAL's annual conference. In this report, I am going to outline the organisation and the latest developments of BAAL 2016, 2017, and 2018.

1. BAAL 2016 Anglia Ruskin (1st - 3rd September)

BAAL 2016 has been organised by Bettina Beinhoff, Sebastian Rasinger, Raj Sajjan, Owen Minns and the rest of the team at Anglia Ruskin. The conference theme is 'Taking stock of Applied Linguistics – Where are we now?'. Plenary speakers for the conference include:

- Ingrid Piller (Macquarie University, Sydney)
- Devyani Sharma (Queen Mary University of London)
- Jean-Marc Dewaele (Birkbeck, University of London)
- Pit Corder Lecture: Jan Hulstijn (University of Amsterdam)

There are four colloquia this year covering wide-ranging issues in Applied Linguistics; they are entitled "AILA ReCAL Colloquium: Translation across domains: A case for combining research frameworks" (convenor: Daniel Perrin), "New speakers" and "new speakerness": towards a paradigmatic shift in applied linguistics" (convenors: Bernadette O'Rourke and Joan Pujolar), "Cambridge University Press Colloquium: 'What does it mean to know a second language?'" and "Taking stock: Languages, literacies and identities in intergenerational learning in immigrant homes and communities (convenors: Mahera Ruby & Vally Lytra).

Details about individual presentations included in each of the colloquium can be found via the following link: <https://baal2016aru.wordpress.com/programme/>

Specific details regarding the conference budget are unavailable at present. We do know, however, that to 6th Aug we had 192 registered participants for this conference.

We received over 430 abstracts this year. A total of 150 have been accepted. The EC, SIG members and other volunteers had participated in the review process. All abstracts were double-blind reviewed before decisions regarding acceptance was made. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the reviewers for their help in the abstract vetting process.

We have received a high number of scholarship applications. Winners of the BAAL 2016 scholarships are as follows:

Student/ ECR scholarships:

- Yingna Wang, University of South Australia
- Pierre-Luc Paquet, Universidad de Alicante
- Disha Maheshwari, University of Warwick and University of Delhi
- Simona Floare Bora, University of Essex

Chris Brumfit:

- Ioanna Charalambous, King's College London

These scholarships help to pay for modest accommodation, travel and registration for the students (up to £1000 each).

There are 6 SIG sessions running at the conference this year, as follows:

- (1) Linguistic Ethnography Forum,
- (2) Corpus Linguistics,
- (3) Language Learning and Teaching & Testing, Evaluation and Assessment,
- (4) Health & Science Communication Track,
- (5) Language and New Media
- (6) Linguistics and knowledge about language in education

A postgraduate forum followed by a postgraduate speed dating is also scheduled. This is coordinated by Elvis Yevudey (Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator) and Owen Minns (LOC). For more details see: <https://baal2016aru.wordpress.com/>

2. BAAL 2017 – Leeds (31st Aug – 2nd Sept 2017)

BAAL 2017 will be hosted by the team led by James Simpson the University of Leeds. Plans for the conference are already well underway. The theme of the conference will be “Diversity in Applied Linguistics: opportunities, questions, challenges”. The LOC have successfully invited Professor Henry Widdowson, Department of English, University of Vienna, Professor Bencie Woll, Deafness Cognition and Language Research Centre, UCL, and Professor Mohamed Daoud, Professor of Applied Linguistics, Institut Supérieur des Langues de Tunis (Pit Corder lecture) to be the plenary speakers for this meeting from a list of potential scholars approved by the EC.

Flyers detailing the conference venue, plenary speakers, pre-conference student event etc. have been put into the conference packs for BAAL 2016 and the head of the LOC will also make a short presentation at the closing ceremony of the conference in 2016. The first call for papers for this conference will need to be circulated by the MS in November 2016.

The Meeting Secretary will be making a formal visit to Leeds in Fall 2016 to meet with the LOC and to discuss the way forward for BAAL 2017. The Meeting Secretary will inspect the proposed conference venue and the breakout rooms to ensure their suitability for the upcoming conference.

On behalf of the EC, I would like to express our thanks once again to James and his team at Leeds for taking up the conference rather late in the planning cycle due to an unexpected pull-out by the initial proposer.

3. BAAL 2018 – York St. John (Sept 2018)

York St. John University has submitted a formal bid for hosting BAAL 2018. The proposal has been tentatively accepted by the EC subject to clarification on individual items. We expect to receive an update from the team led by Chris Hall in summer 2016. The Meeting’s Secretary is due to pay a visit to York St John in Spring 2017. Further details will be circulated among BAAL members when they become available.

Further information about future BAAL conferences can be found here: http://www.baal.org.uk/baal_conf.html

4. Expression of interest for future conferences

We have received informal inquiries from individual institutions and organisations about potentially hosting future BAAL annual meetings including 2019 and 2020. However, there has not been any concrete negotiation at this point in time. Further information will be passed on to the BAAL community as they become available.

Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, August 2016

Membership Secretary's Report

BAAL Membership status for 2015-2016

BAAL has reached a landmark of 1047 members in 2016-an exceptional success and opportunity for further growth. A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2015 and all returning colleagues!

Some further details, BAAL has 567 full members and 325 paid the reduced rate-BAAL has 246 full time students on board. BAAL also has 38 institutional members (of which 5 are double memberships, universities and libraries) and 10 associate members have joined us/renewed their membership for 2016.

Apart from other benefits, the BAAL membership allows us to take advantage of various discounts available to members. Do take a look at the web site at <http://www.baal.org.uk> for the most up to date information about BAAL events.

In order to make the best use of our limited administrative resources and to move to a fully online system, we are keen to encourage membership applications and payment through our new online membership form http://baal.org.uk/membership_form.html].

For any details please see on the BAAL website and you can also email admin@baal.org.uk

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. There is an application form on the membership webpage for a colleague or a student of yours who is not yet a member of BAAL! BAAL always looks at new ways to support its members and the BAAL website is the place to look for benefits of membership.

According to my records BAAL's membership almost doubled in the last six years. This is a great time for our Association and it has been an honour to serve on the exec.

Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

Jo Angouri, August 2016

Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report

Postgraduate Facebook group

The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We have over thousand members, thus 1,119 members as at 18th August 2016, which is an increase from last year 935 members (19th August 2015). The group continues to provide a platform for networking for PG students involved in any sort of Applied Linguistics related research, from all over the UK and beyond. Members continue to share posts on conferences, research, seminars and job opportunities.

BAAL 2015 Postgraduate event highlights

The Richard Pemberton best PG paper prize

Winner: Khawla Badwan (University of Leeds), Title: "More theories, less certainty: (Un)thinking the Sociolinguistics of mobility in light of Arab academic sojourners' trajectories in the UK HE".

Best Poster Prize

Winner: Hirokazu Nukuto (Kansai University Graduate School, Japan), Title: "Interlanguage Pragmatic Development and Socialization in Negotiating Participation and Role".

Congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all the EC members who assisted with grading and vetting the selected papers.

PG research forum and "Research Speed Dating"

The PG forum under the theme *Research in Applied Linguistics: Exploring interdisciplinary working* was successful. The forum was engaging and interactive. Thank you to all the guest speakers who contributed to the success of the forum by sharing their experiences in light of interdisciplinary working. The forum was preceded by the PG event dubbed "Research Speeding Dating", which had active participation from PGs and early careers.

BAAL 2016 Postgraduate events

The Richard Pemberton best PG paper prize 2016

Five high-scored abstracts of PGs will be selected and the PG rep with the supports of two EC members will attend the presentations of the various papers. There will be a review of the selected presentations and the best will be announced at the closing ceremony.

PG research forum and "Research Speed Dating"

The PG forum comes off on Thursday, September 1, 4:00-6:00pm, Room LAB207.

Theme: *Applied Linguistics and Linguistic Ethnography: Exploring Sociolinguistic Data*

Confirmed speakers: Fiona Copland (University of Stirling), Wine Tesseur (University of Reading), Jai Mackenzie (Aston University, UK)

In addition to the PG Forum, there is another PG event dubbed "Research Speeding Dating", which is meant to give PGs and early careers the opportunity to present their research works.

Elvis Yevudey, August 2016

Publications Secretary's Report

1. BAAL Book Prize 2016

A total of 14 books were received from 10 publishers. Each book was anonymously reviewed by two reviewers and a short-list drawn up as follows:

Title	Author	Publisher
<i>Metrolingualism: Language in the City</i>	Pennycook, Alastair and Emi Otsuji	Routledge
<i>World Englishes: A Critical Analysis</i>	Saraceni, Mario	Bloomsbury
<i>Social Interaction and L2 Classroom Discourse</i>	Sert, Oclay	Edinburgh University Press
<i>Linguistic Ethnography,</i>	Julia Snell,, Sara Shaw and Fiona Copland eds.	Palgrave MacMillan

The winner will be announced at the 2016 BAAL meeting at Anglia Ruskin University on Thursday evening 1st September.

Leftover copies of the books submitted will be sent to the British Council for distribution to libraries in developing countries. The shortlist has been placed on the BAAL web-pages.

Bernie O'Rourke, August 2016

Media Coordinator's Report

There is little to report on the Media front. The BAAL Twitter account handle was changed in May 2016 from @BAALMedia to @__BAAL. The transition was very smooth and follower numbers have risen steadily, averaging around 40 new followers per month, or just a little over one per day. Content for the feed is a little slow, despite all the good things we do, mainly due to that news not being very well publicised. In other media news, I've created suggested processes for handling media contacts, however, those contacts aren't happening, presumably because there is, as yet, no clear route to addressing anyone. With the view that this will be rectified at some point, I spent a few months loosely itemising the topics that occur in the press and produced an overview of those stories. The short conclusion was that it's highly unpredictable and that any catalogue of media contacts would need to be created with this in mind.

Claire Hardaker, August 2016

Newsletter Editor's Report

I took on the role of BAAL newsletter editor in September 2015. The handover from the previous post-holder was very straightforward. As there was no newsletter in summer 2015 the following newsletter covered summer and winter 2015 and was therefore a double issue. This edition included a good number of contributions (including announcements, SIG reports, conference reports, book reviews and research reports).

One of my main goals is to increase the number of contributions to the newsletter; I did this by liaising with colleagues to generate more research reports. In addition, the newsletter now also features PhD research reports. This is to address the fact that a great number of BAAL members are research students and including their work in the newsletter is a logical consequence of this.

As a result of these efforts the last newsletter was even more substantial than the previous double issue. I hope that this is an upward trend that will continue. Book reviews, coordinated by Reviews Editor Chris Hall, are a very important regular feature of the newsletter. In addition to the 'publications received' list published regularly, it is now also possible to select any book of interest in applied linguistics and review this. Please get in touch with Chris Hall if you are interested in reviewing a book – whether it is on the 'publications received' list or not.

Bettina Beinhoff, August 2016

Web Editor's Report

Events affecting the BAAL website over the past year

1. The presentation of the website has remained stable through the year. There have been no major changes to the look or organisation of the site.
2. No New web pages have been added.
3. There have been no serious service issues this year.

Statistics

There have been just over 194,000 visits to the site in during the year, with about 358,000 page-views. The browsing trend to visit specific pages rather than sites continues to grow, although once again this year it has increased only marginally. There has been an 8.5% rise in file download volumes to 1,120,000 file downloads. This increase seems to be a result of the e-publications on the site, such as the conference proceedings and the good practice guide. Comparative statistics are given in the table below. It seems that the role of the site changed significantly in 2015, and we are now settling into a steady growth from the new levels.

I have actioned about 1,550 emails affecting the website since the last AGM. This is comfortably less than last year.

The number of files on the site has grown over the year, mainly because of an increase in pdfs and other information files. There has been only a marginal increase in the number of web pages (for new SIGs and new associates). The site currently consists of just over 670 pages and files.

	Visits	Page Views	PV / Visits	File Downloads	Emails Processed	Site File Count
2016	194,000	358,000	1.845	1,120,000	1,550	670
2015	191,000	314,000	1.644	1,032,000	1,700	620
2014	113,000	219,000	1.938	642,000	1,500	670
2013	94,000	187,000	1.989	536,000	1,100	650
2012	75,000	160,000	2.133	600,000	900	670

Table 1: BAAL Site Statistics (*all figures rounded*)

Martin Edwardes, August 2016

SIG Coordinator's Report

SIGS

We currently have 11 SIGs, all of whom are currently active and healthy. The two newest SIGs, Health and Science Communication and LKALE, enjoyed very productive first years.

- Corpus Linguistics
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- Vocabulary
- Language and New Media
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Intercultural Communication
- Health and Science Communication
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)

SIG events

The following events were held over the past year.

1. BAAL Health and Science Communication SIG Event
Computer-mediated health communication: Perspectives from ethnography and discourse analysis
9 November 2015, Queen Mary University of London
2. BAAL Language and New Media SIG e-seminar on the language of online reviews
23rd November-8th December 2015,
<http://baallangnewmedia.proboards.com/>, around Camilla Vasquez's paper 'Right now versus back then: recency and remoteness as discursive resources in online reviews'.
3. TEA SIG 2016 Conference
Assessment for learning and assessment of learning: Incommensurate paradigms or complementary perspectives?
11th March 2016, University of Reading.
4. Corpus Linguistics symposium in honour of Adam Kilgarriff
Software and programming in corpus linguistics from novice to expert: to script or not to script?
23rd March 2016, Aston University
5. Language, Gender and Sexuality SIG one-day seminar
Language, Gender and Sexuality research methodologies revisited
8th April 2016, Liverpool Hope University
6. Language and New Media SIG: 2016 Workshop
Multimodality in Social Media and Digital Environments
15th April 2016, Queen Mary University of London.

7. LKALE SIG Spring Meeting
Metalanguage and practical perspectives
April 20th 2016, University of Swansea.
8. Language in Africa SIG AGM
Technology and Media: Emerging Trends in Africa and the Diaspora
6th May 2016, University of East London.
9. Intercultural Communication SIG: 7th annual seminar
Intercultural communication and social responsibility in a multilingual, globalised world
19th-20th May 2016, Open University (Camden).
10. Linguistic Ethnography Forum
E-seminar on *Linguistic Diversity and Social Justice*, 1st-21st June 2016
11. Annual conference of the BAAL Language Learning and Teaching SIG
Crossing Boundaries: Language Learning and Teaching Inside and Outside the Classroom
30th of June -1st July 2016, Lancaster University
12. Vocabulary SIG
Vocabulary: a multidisciplinary approach
7th-8th July, 2016, University of Nottingham

Please see the BAAL website for reports on these events.

BAAL Annual Meeting SIG tracks

Five SIG tracks ran at the BAAL Annual Meeting in September.

- Linguistic Ethnography Forum track: 5 papers
- Language Learning & Teaching track: 9 papers*
- Language & New Media track: 5 papers
- HSC track: 5 papers
- LKALE track: 5 papers
- Corpus linguistics track: 2 papers

*including one paper co-hosted with TEA SIG

Caroline Tagg, August 2016

Seminars Coordinator's Report

BAAL / Cambridge University Press Seminar Programme 2015-2016

Three seminars were put forward this year for £750 awards (plus floats): University of Essex, Heriot-Watt University, University of Leicester (details in January report).

All three seminars have taken place.

The learning of foreign languages in primary schools in England: issues and challenges was organised by Florence Myles, Karen Roehr-Brackin and Rosamond Mitchell on 18-19 March 2016 at the University of Essex. This seminar provided an opportunity for researchers from a range of disciplines and practitioners (teachers; teacher educators; policy makers) to engage in an in-depth dialogue. Seven broad themes were discussed:

1. the role that age plays in the learning of foreign languages in the classroom;
2. multilingual children in the foreign language classroom;
3. linguistic development and expectations in primary school age children;
4. pedagogy and teacher expertise for this age group;
5. curriculum models appropriate for young children;
6. cultural competence and intercultural understanding in young children;
7. the relationship between literacy, foreign language learning and wider academic achievement.

About 30 researchers attended the seminar. Emma Marsden attended the seminar on behalf of BAAL EC.

New plurilingual pathways for integration: Immigrants and language learning in the 21st Century, was organised by Nicola Bermingham and Gwennan Higham on 27th May 2016 at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh. By engaging scholars working across various fields (notably sociolinguistics, sociology, political science) in dialogue, this seminar opened the floor to new and interesting debate that will add to, and at times challenge much of the public discourse surrounding language and immigration. Fiona Copland attended the seminar on behalf of the BAAL EC.

This was originally planned as a two-day seminar but due to industrial action on the 26th, the organisers had to fit everything into one day. It was an interesting seminar and attracted a wide range of papers. There is a plan to organise a follow on event in Cardiff at some stage (either late 2016 or early 2017). Gwennan Higham, who is based in Cardiff, will be in charge of local organising arrangements.

Historicizing the Digital: language practices in new and old media was organised by Mel Evans (University of Leicester) and Caroline Tagg (Open University) on 27th-28th June 2016. This seminar focused on promoting transhistorical perspectives between media scholars, historical linguists and researchers of language and new media. Around 30 participants attended the two-day seminar from various disciplines, and ranged from MA and PhD students to senior academics.

The seminar drew useful attention to the ways in which changes to academic practices can affect how we conceptualise and understand texts and processes practice or concept being explored is comparable across time. Seminar outcomes include an email group (to sign up, visit <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=HISTTHEDIG>) and maintenance of the blog they developed (histthedig.blogspot.co.uk), with plans for a special issue and further networking

events. One of the organisers, Caroline Tagg, acted as BAAL EC representative and gave a short presentation about BAAL.

Seminar reports will be made available in *Language Teaching* (CUP) and the BAAL newsletter.

Call for seminars will be sent out in September. Deadline for 2016-2017 proposal is 30 October 2016.

BAAL / Routledge Workshop 2016

Natalie Braber and David Wright (Nottingham Trent University) were awarded for the funding (£1,500). In addition, the runner-up Khawla Badwan and Lou Harvey (University of Leeds) were awarded a repayable float of £500. Both workshops will take place in September 2016.

Language and identity in law and evidence will be organised by David Wright and Natalie Braber on Monday 19th September 2016 at Clifton Campus, Nottingham Trent University. This workshop explores the various ways in which language and identity are intertwined in legal and evidential contexts, ranging from the use of forensic linguistic techniques in the identification of individuals who are suspected of having committed a crime, to the identities people assume in illegal online communications, and the way in which individuals and groups are represented in the legal system. Places are limited to 30, and there are six bursaries available to undergraduate and postgraduate students to cover travel expenses to the event.

Expectations of and on international students in UK HE: investigating mismatching language ontologies and destabilising encounters will be organised by Khawla Badwan and Lou Harvey on Friday 16th September 2016 at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. The workshop has three themes: 1) International students negotiating intercultural discourses; 2) Language assessment and International Student Recruitment; and 3) International Student Experience.

Workshop information has been advertised through BAAL mail and website. BAAL EC representatives have been identified to attend these two workshops. Reports will be published after the workshop in the BAAL newsletter.

Calls for 2017 workshops will be sent out through BAAL mail and available on BAAL Seminar webpage. Deadline for 2017 workshop proposal is 31 January 2017.

Many congratulations to the seminar and workshop organisers, and I am looking forward to interesting and innovative proposals.

Li Li, August 2016

CLIE Representative

To be received