BAAL AGM

Friday 7ᵗʰ September, 6pm – 6.55pm
Temple Hall, York St John University

EC reports:

Chair's Report

This year's AGM marks the end of my three year term as Chair of BAAL.

In the last three years the two most powerful external influences on BAAL in relation to strategy, positioning and policy, are almost certainly the Research Excellence Framework (REF) and Brexit. In consultation with BAAL members, including those with experience on REF panels, I have striven to represent the interests of applied linguists throughout the development of REF processes, in the form of BAAL's:

- listing as a nominating (of panel members) body
- response to the Stern Report consultation in 2016
- response to the funding bodies' consultation in 2017
- nominations for REF panel membership
- endorsements of applications to Chair of Sub-panel posts.

The shaping of REF2021 is ongoing, with a consultation on the latest draft guidance document currently live.

The influence of Brexit is less easily defined, but I would suggest that our proactive engagement with affiliate European organisations, and a drive to raise the profile of multilingualism in BAAL, are related to a new determination to forge strong, visible collegial and community connections across increasingly sharp political boundaries. We have strengthened our relationship with AILA, and the AGM decision in 2016 to join AILA Europe was unanimous. Discussions about potential partnerships with equivalent national organisations within Europe are ongoing. Multilingualism and the representation of languages other than English in BAAL's operations have been hot topics among the EC and membership. A 'visualising multilingualism' competition has been proposed for the coming year, and the BAAL home page (baal.org.uk) now features a ticker tape scrolling banner with our association's name in 26 (so far) languages. In a more direct response to Brexit, I joined the Chairs of other learned societies associated with language and education/research in signing a letter urging the protection of language research and education; it was sent to the Prime Minister, First Ministers, and key ministers and shadow ministers.

A very positive outcome from REF- and Brexit-related onslaughts has been a closer relationship with our affiliate UK organisations, including Linguistics Association of Great Britain, University Council of Modern Languages, Philological Society, British Academy Linguistics and Philology Section, British Association of Academic Phoneticians, and University Council of General and Applied Linguistics (UCGAL). Cooperation and communication among societies has largely been brokered and coordinated by Susan Hunston, Chair of UCGAL; we are indebted to her for that. We have also continued to work closely with the Academy of Social Sciences, the British Council, the British Academy, and UK Research and Innovation, participating in events, consultations and joint ventures.

Within BAAL, the most visible change has been our new website. This has been developed by the EC (led by Richard Smith, our website editor) to offer easily navigable information to BAAL members, and to give non-BAAL members a sense of who we are. Included under the resources tab are some other important products of the last three years: the new edition of '*Good Practice in Applied Linguistics*' (BAAL Research Ethics Guidelines), Greg Myers' updated

'Notes on the History of the British Association for Applied Linguistics, 1967-1997' and the BAAL-endorsed *'Guidelines for Communicating Rights to Non-Native Speakers of English in Australia, England and Wales, and the USA*'. We are growing: we have two more SIGs and 150 more members than three years ago, and financially we are healthy enough to have reinstated the Applying Linguistics Fund. The website enables us to extend the reach of conference events, interviews, etc. by making recordings available to members who are unable to attend in person. The sixteen tabs of our web pages do, I think, give a good sense of the busy-ness of BAAL, and the relevance of the work of our 1000+ members.

Finally, a word about the Executive Committee: I have been overwhelmed by the consistent commitment of EC members to enhancing what BAAL offers to our members, and to raising BAAL's profile externally. Tasks undertaken by EC members in the last three years have included complex, time-consuming, challenging, urgent, high-stakes, and sometimes tedious work. The EC colleagues have approached these tasks willingly, wisely, and where necessary speedily. I am immensely grateful for their collegiality and support, and feel privileged to have worked with them.

Tess Fitzpatrick, August 2018

Secretary's Report

Over the past twelve months I have dealt with various routine secretarial tasks/queries to BAAL (as per the job description):

- Organised regular BAAL EC meetings
- Checked the minutes and action points from BAAL EC meeting
- Updated the EC mailing list and migrated it over to JISCMail
- Acted as a point of contact when EC-related questions and queries have been raised (supporting the Chair)
- Where appropriate, provided feedback on budget proposals for future conferences (to support the Meetings Secretary)
- Reviewed two books for the annual BAAL book prize
- Coordinated the annual AGM meeting (and notified the membership of this)
- Requested that all members of the EC update their terms of reference in preparation for the upcoming elections [this is required on an annual basis]
- Advertised EC vacancies – positions to be filled during the elections at the BAAL AGM
- Coordinated a list of Knowledge and Skills for the ESRC (and sent to the Chair)
- Attended a meeting about REF 2021, and coordinated nominations for REF panel members (November 2017)
- Attended a Research and Innovation event behalf of the Chair (November 2017)

York St John University 2018 conference: There will be 2 Ordinary Member* posts coming up for election in September. The following officer posts will also become available. Note: those currently standing in these roles are permitted to stand for a second term should they want to.

- Chair
- Secretary (I will be stepping down a year early)
- Media Coordinator*
- Newsletter Editor*
- Postgraduate Development and Liaison Coordinator
- SIG Coordinator *

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought. These elections will take place during the BAAL AGM. Those currently in posts with a * are permitted to be elected to a second term, if desired.

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, 27/07/18

Treasurer's Report

Report to be delivered during AGM

Steve Morris

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 2018 and 2019.

1. BAAL 2018, York St. John, 6-8 Sep 2018

BAAL 2018 has been organised by Chris Hall and Rachel Wicaksono and the rest of the team at York St John. The conference theme is 'Taking Risks in Applied Linguistics'. Plenary speakers for the conference include:

- Annelies Kusters (Heriot-Watt University)
- Erez Levon (Queen Mary University of London)
- Anne Pauwels (SOAS, University of London)
- Bill VanPatten (Michigan State University)

There is a Local Organising Committee invited colloquium this year entitled, 'The legal recognition of signed languages – taking risks in applied linguistics' which is chaired by Dai O'Brien (York St John University) and Maartje De Meulder (Université de Namur). Presenters include, Maartje De Meulder (Université de Namur), Joseph J. Murray (Gallaudet University), Rachel McKee (Victoria University of Wellington), Victoria Manning (Deaf Aotearoa New Zealand), John Bosco Conama (Centre for Deaf Studies, Trinity College, University of Dublin), and Kristin Snoddon (School of Linguistics and Language Studies, Carleton University, Canada).

There is also a BAAL invited colloquium on the theme of "Befriending the risk(s): exploring sexuality and language in educational sites" which is chaired by Łukasz Pakuła (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań). Speakers in this colloquium include: Mark McGlashan (Birmingham City University), Jane Sunderland (Lancaster University), Mike Baynham (University of Leeds) and Helen Sauntson (York St John University) as the discussant.

Details about these can be found in the programme via the following link: http://www.cvent.com/events/baal-2018-annual-meeting/custom-38-78e684777ce54042b0e7fd5e79f5dc7b.aspx

Specific details regarding the conference budget are unavailable at present. We do know, however, that to 7th Aug 2018 we had 292 registered participants for this conference.

We received 474 abstracts this year. The LOC, 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 number of scholarship applications. The 4 winners of the BAAL 2018 scholarships will be confirmed during the AGM. These scholarships help to pay for modest accommodation, within UK travel and registration for the students/ ECRs.

There are 11 SIG sessions running at the conference this year, as follows:

(1) Language in Africa
(2) Linguistic Ethnography
(3) Intercultural Communication
(4) Language, Gender, and Sexuality
(5) Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education
(6) Language Policy
(7) Professional, Academic and Work-based Literacies
(8) Language Learning and Teaching
(9) Language and New Media

(10)   Vocabulary Studies
(11)   Corpus Linguistics

More details about the above can be found at: http://baal2018.org.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris, Rachel and their team for their effort in organising such a successful conference.

2. BAAL 2019, 29-31 Aug 2019

BAAL 2019 will be hosted by the team led by Gee Macrory at Manchester Metropolitan University. Plans for the conference are already well underway.

The theme of the conference will be 'Broadening the Horizons of Applied Linguistics'. The confirmed invited speakers are as follows:

- Julia Carroll (Centre for Advances in Behavioural Sciences, Coventry University)
- Tim Grant (Centre for Forensic Linguistics, Aston University)
- Kate Pahl (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Adrian Holliday (Christ Church University Canterbury)

More information about the conference will be shared with the BAAL community as soon as they become available.

Flyers detailing the conference venue, plenary speakers, pre-conference student event etc. have been put into the conference packs for BAAL 2018 and a member of the LOC will also make a short presentation at the closing ceremony of the conference in 2018. The first call for papers for this conference will be circulated by the MS in November 2018.

I am due to visit Manchester in Autumn 2018 to meet with the LOC and to discuss the way forward for BAAL 2019. During that visit I will have the chance to look at the 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 to Gee and her team at Manchester Metropolitan for their effort so far.

3. Expression of interest for future conferences

We have received formal and informal enquiries from individual institutions and organisations about potentially hosting future BAAL annual meetings including 2020 and 2021. 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.

4. Concluding remarks

This concludes my AGM report for the year 2018. I look forward to continuing interacting with BAAL members and others in the years ahead. Please also do not hesitate to contact me if you have any enquiries regarding BAAL's annual meeting or if you want to host a BAAL conference in the future.

Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, August 2018

Membership Secretary's Report

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2017-18 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership! Currently BAAL has 530 full-rate individual members and 339 reduced-rate members (including 164 full-time students). There are additionally 19 individuals nominated under our 8 Associate memberships, and 166 individuals nominated by our 48 Institutional memberships.

Membership of BAAL carries a broad range of benefits, which are outlined in full on our website, here: https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/baal-membership-benefits/. Do take a look at the website at https://baalweb.wordpress.com/ for the most up-to-date information about BAAL news, events and opportunities.

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you have a colleague or a student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the website and sign up at https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/. Our online application form and PayPal payment system are integrated on one webpage (https://baalweb.wordpress.com/join/), making it simple for applied linguists from across the globe to join our ranks.

If your institution has yet to join BAAL, why not consider an Institutional membership? The annual subscription for Institutional membership of BAAL is £125 and allows for four individuals from the institution to be nominated as full members. Individual membership subscription is usually priced at £50 per annum, so Institutional membership represents a 37.5% discount for each nominated institutional member.

BAAL always looks at new ways to support its members so please feel free to get in touch with me (jess.briggs@education.ox.ac.uk) if ever I can be of assistance. It has been an honour to support the important work of BAAL over the past year and I look forward to working with the BAAL Executive Committee and developing our membership in the coming year. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

Jessica Briggs Baffoe-Djan, August 2018

Publications Secretary's Report

1. BAAL Book Prize 2018

A total of 20 books were received this year. Internal reviews for this year's BAAL book prize got underway in January and were completed in April 2018. Based on scoring sheets and written reports, the four books listed below were selected for the short-list and these were out sent to two internationally renowned experts in the field of applied linguistics. The four books which were nominated are as follows:

- Queer, Latinx, and Bilingual. Narrative resources in the negotiation of identities by Holly R. Chashman (Routledge)
- Posthumanist Applied Linguistics by Alastair Pennycook (Routledge)
- Taking Offence on Social Media. Conviviality and Communication on Facebook by Caroline Tagg, Philip Seargeant &Amy Aisha Brown (Palgrave)
- Routledge Handbook of Migration and Language by Suresh Canagarajah (ed.) (Routledge)

The winner will be announced at the 2018 BAAL meeting in 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.

2. Partnerships with publishers

The Publications Secretary in consultation with the EC has been engaged in discussions with publishers about develops partnership with BAAL. The aim is to explore a range of initiatives which would benefit BAAL membership including discounts from publishers, free content to certain material on publishers' webpages and special offers to support SIG events. It is hoped that some of these initiatives could be rolled out in 2018/19.

Bernie O'Rourke, August 2018

Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report
Postgraduate Facebook group
The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We have over one thousand five hundred members, 1526 members (13th August 2018), which is an increase from last year's 1,285 members (6th August 2017). 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 2017 Postgraduate event highlights**
> The Richard Pemberton best PG paper prize Winner: **Judith Reynolds**
> Title: **Relational work and managing difficult messages in giving refugee legal advice.**
>
> Best Poster Prize Winners: **Miho Mano and Yuko Yoshinari**
> Title*: **A bidirectional study on motion descriptions of English and Japanese L1 and L2 speakers: Focusing on the influence of deictic expressions in L1 and the learner language properties**

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

Postgraduate research forum and "Research Speed Dating"
The PG forum was held at BAAL 2016 under the theme: *Struggles with Data: Stories from the Field*. The forum was organised by Owen Minns, Postgraduate Liaison and Development Coordinator. The forum was engaging and interactive. Thank you to the following guest speakers who contributed to the success of the forum by sharing their experiences: Bettina Beinhoff (Anglia Ruskin University, UK), Khawla Badwan (Manchester Metropolitan University, UK) and Loreto Aliaga-Salas (Leeds University, UK).

> The forum was followed by the PG event dubbed "Research Speeding Dating", which had active participation from PGs and early careers. In this event, participants discussed an aspect of their research for 1-2 minutes with a partner before switching to talk about another aspect of their research with a different partner.

BAAL 2018 Postgraduate events
- **The Richard Pemberton Best PG paper prize 2018:** The five highest-scored abstracts of PGs will be selected and the PG rep and two EC members will attend the presentations of these papers. There will be a review of the selected presentations and the best will be announced at the closing ceremony.
- **Postgraduate Research Forum and "Research Speed Dating"**
  The PG forum takes place on Thursday, September 6, 14.00-17.00, in Room DG/016, York St John University. Theme: *Taking Risks in Applied Linguistics: Personal stories from the field*
  Confirmed speakers: Tess Fitzpatrick (Swansea University), Bill Van Patten (Independent Scholar), Rachel Wicaksono (York St John University)
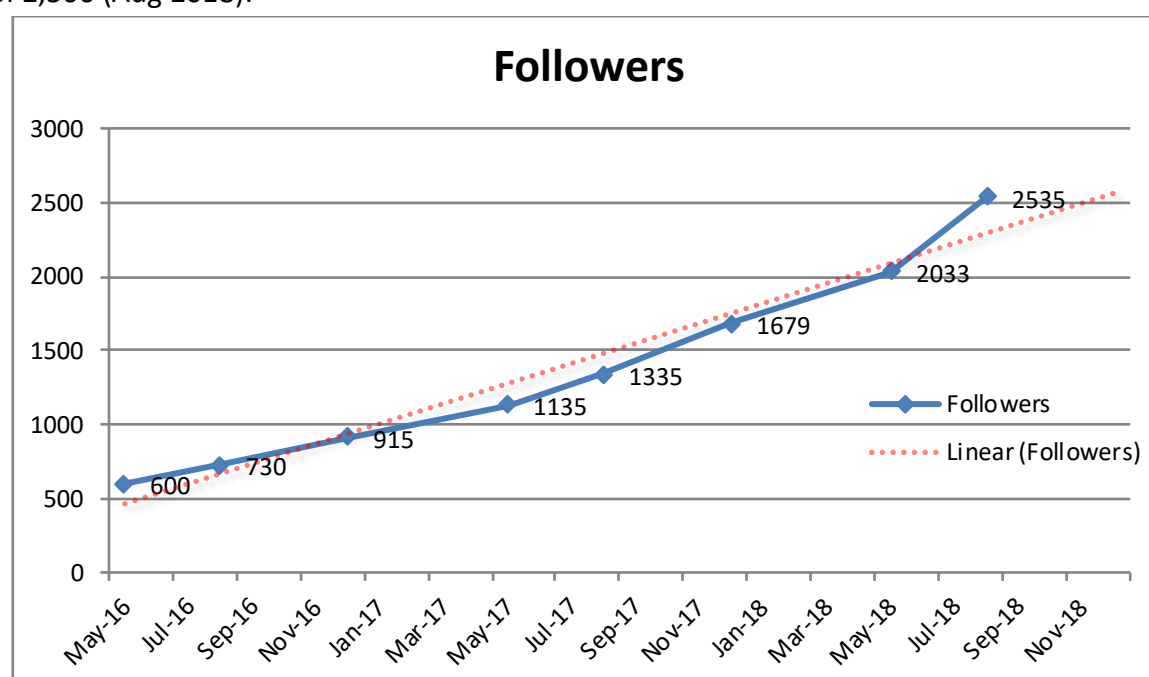
In addition to the PG Forum, there is another PG event dubbed "Research Speeding Dating", which is meant to give PGs and early career researchers the opportunity to present aspects of their research to each other.

Owen Minns, 15th August 2018

Media Coordinator's Report
TWITTER

The BAAL Twitter account has risen from 600 followers (May 2016) through to a current total of 2,500 (Aug 2018):

For context, the majority of other relevant linguistics accounts (university departments, research groups, publishers, prominent linguists, etc.) generally number between 150-800 followers (crudely, "three-figure accounts"). A substantially smaller cohort is in a similar "four-figure" league to ourselves. For instance, our current closest relevant accounts include @palgrave_ling (3.3k followers), the Canadian Applied Linguistics account, @ACLA_CAAL (3.3k), and the Lancaster University linguistics department @LAEL_LU (3.5k). A very tiny minority of highly prominent "five-figure" accounts include the magazine @Babelzine (10.5k), the daily blog @AllThingsLing (14.1k), and Lynne Murphy, aka @lynneguist (17.4k).

At present BAAL is in the lower-middle echelons but should the current trend of the account accruing roughly fifty followers per month continue, in three years (around REF2021), a modest estimate would put the follower count at roughly 4,000 to 5,000. In different words, BAAL now has a more-powerful-than-average voice in the Twitter linguistics community, and with continued conscientious management of the account, this should only continue to accrue further reach.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

During my maternity leave I ignored all media requests. On my return to work I fielded a few personally directed queries, but had no media contact whatsoever for BAAL in general.
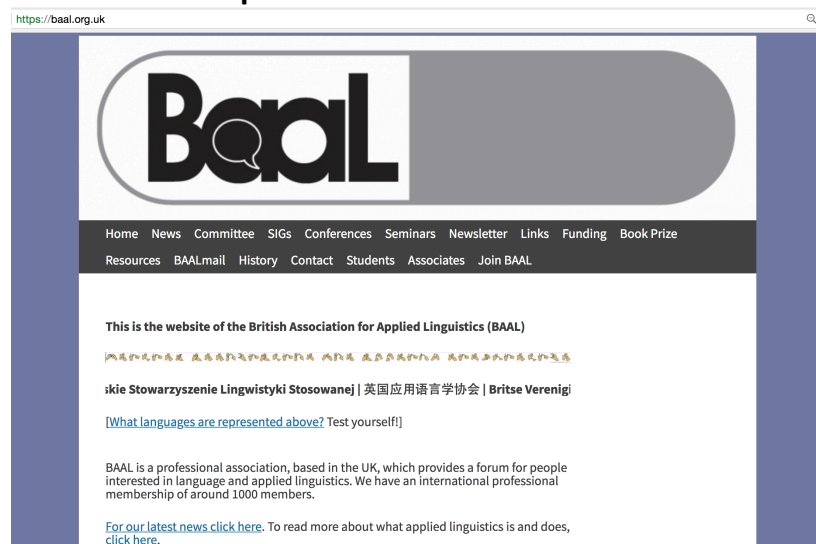
Clare Hardaker, 19/08/18

Newsletter Editor's Report

This has been my third year as BAAL newsletter editor. When I started in this role, one of my main goals was to increase the number of contributions to the newsletter which I achieved by including new recurring features such as the PhD reports and the '10 questions' piece. In addition, I approached colleagues for reports on their current research which had a very positive knock-on effect because more researchers offer reports on their current work now than in the first two years.

While the quality and quantity of contributions to BAAL News is steadily improving, the number of book reviews has gone down somewhat in the last edition. Please consider writing a book review. These book reviews, coordinated by Reviews Editor Chris Hall, are a very important regular feature of the newsletter. We regularly publish the 'publications received' list, but it is 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, 30th July 2018

Web Editor's Report

1. Overall comments

The BAAL website is located at http://baal.org.uk/.

Following a complete redesign using WordPress during 2016–17 (completed by last year's AGM), this year (2017–18) has been relatively quiet, though innovation has continued in some respects.

What was originally intended as a 'beta' site has continued to be fully functional and has proved cheap and quite easy to maintain. We pay £28 (annual fee) to Wordpress for our use of the domain name 'baal.org.uk' for a Wordpress website, plus $25/month for the Wordpress 'Business plan' – up from $4/month for the original 'Personal' plan due to needs to introduce a multilingual ticker tape (see below); however, this is still far below what a professional redesign would cost, and we don't need to depend on outside expertise for updating the website. So long as members are basically happy with the overall 'look' and functionality of the website as it is now, I suggest we continue on the same basis for another year, at which point a new editor may wish to change the design.

Decisions on content for the website are still governed mainly by these two principles:

- Highlight BAAL's own activities and resources
- Feature areas which seem particularly active within BAAL, both in the form of news (as blog posts) and as areas that require their own tab/space within the site.

2. Changes made during 2017–18

Multilingual representation on website

A ticker tape has been installed on the home page (http://baal.org.uk), containing unofficial translations of 'British Association for Applied Linguistics' into various languages. Via BAALmail, members were asked to supply revisions / additional translations. 18 members responded, and there are now 25 separate representations of languages other than English on the website home page. Further translations / amendments can be sent to me at R.C.Smith@warwick.ac.uk.

This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, nor are the translations intended to be definitive. Members were also informed that at present it is not possible to include spoken or sign language but possibilities will continue to be investigated (thanks to Chris Hall, it has been possible to include finger-spelling in British sign language). I'm also investigating the possibility of an additional ticker tape moving left to right for Arabic, Farsi, Hebrew etc.

Other new kinds of resource / new pages added since 2017 AGM

- **[September] 'Video from 50th anniversary BAAL Annual Meeting**,: https://baal.org.uk/annual-conference/video-from-50th-anniversary-baal-annual-meeting-university-of-leeds/
- **[October) Abstracts from BAAL 2017:** https://baalweb.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/book-of-abstracts-baal-2017.pdf
- **[November]: Funding:** https://baal.org.uk/funding/
- **[November] Past winners of BAAL funding**: https://baal.org.uk/funding/past-awardees/
- **(December]** Martin Edwardes produced pdf versions **of three volumes of BAAL conference proceedings** which had previously been available only on CD-ROM. This meant they could be uploaded to the BAAL website (https://baal.org.uk/resources/). They are Harris & Brandt (2010/2017), Edwardes (2009/2017) and Edwardes (2010/2017).
- **[January] BAAL conference potential host check-list of requirements** https://baal.org.uk/annual-conference/baal-conference-potential-host-check-list-of-requirements/
- **[March] Video interviews at the 50th anniversary BAAL Annual Meeting:** https://baal.org.uk/annual-conference/interviews-at-the-50th-anniversary-baal-annual-meeting-university-of-leeds/
- **[April] What applied linguistics is and does** https://baal.org.uk/about/what-applied-linguistics-is-and-does/ [still under construction]
- **[June] What languages are represented in the ticker-tape?** https://baal.org.uk/about/what-languages-are-represented-in-the-ticker-tape/
- **[June] News** https://baal.org.uk/news/

Website news updates linked to BAAL Twitter feed

When a new blog-post (news item) is added to the website, an alert is now (since January) automatically sent out via BAAL's Twitter account (@__BAAL). The Twitter feed now appears on the website home page in some browsers. Generally a news item is added to the website
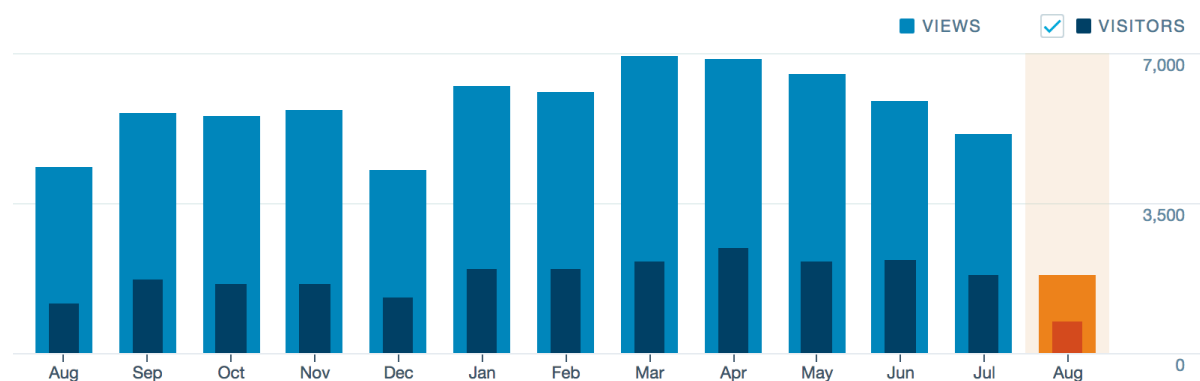
when announced on BAALmail – thus, the Twitter feed is a complement to not a replacement for BAALmail, which remains the main medium for BAAL news to reach members.

GDPR
The website page about BAALmail, and the membership form have been updated to be GDPR-compliant.

3. Statistics
This graph shows numbers of views and visitors per month from August 2017 to July 2018:
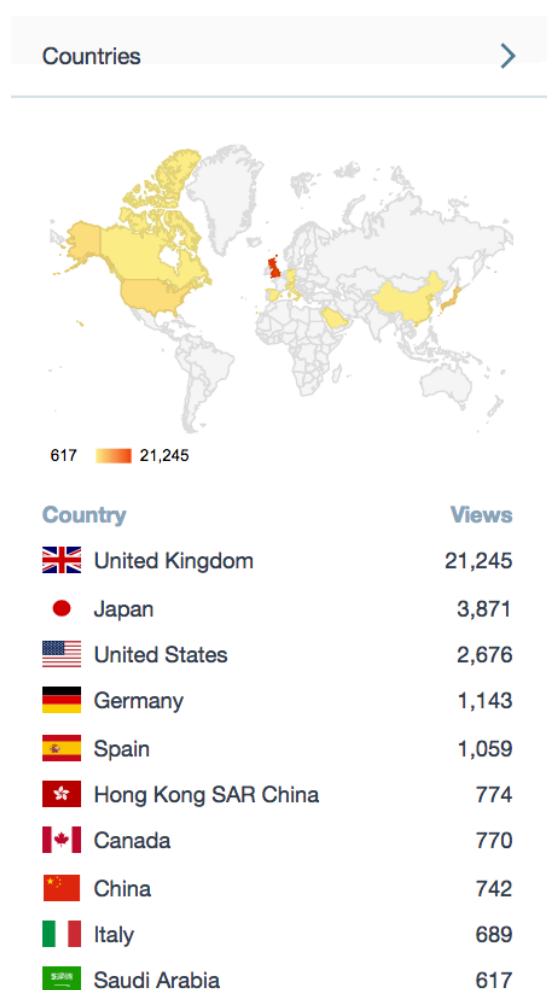

The above information is repeated in the following table, with the addition of average views per visitor, average views per day, and number of new pages created (news items or pages) each month:

Month	Views	Unique visitors	Views per visitor	Average views per day	Blog-posts (news items) & new pages added
September 2017	5,590	1,707	3.27	186	6
October	5,468	1,576	3.47	176	2
November	5,634	1,615	3.49	188	6
December	4,238	1,298	3.27	105	3
January 2018	6,173	1,931	3.2	199	9
February	6,041	1,962	3.08	216	5
March	6,961	2,147	3.24	225	11
April	6,858	2,455	2.79	229	5
May	6,460	2,122	3.04	208	3
June	5,816	2,132	2.73	194	5
July	5,054	1,789	2.83	163	3

Below are statistics for: views of particular pages; countries of visitors; and referrers – not for the above 2017–18 period but for calendar year 2018, up to date of this report (17 August). First, most popular pages and posts, according to number of views in the year to date:

Title	Views
Home page	13,600
Conferences	4,944
Join BAAL	3,326
Sociolinguistics events calendar	2,546
Funding	1,326
SIGs	1,325
Online membership form	1,194
Resources	1,157
Committee	981
M.A.K. Halliday R.I.P. (news item)	727
Seminars	715
Newsletter	612
2018 BAAL Conference in York – Call for papers (news item)	607
Students	574

Next, number of views from (the top 10) different countries over the same period:

Country	Views
United Kingdom	21,245
Japan	3,871
United States	2,676
Germany	1,143
Spain	1,059
Hong Kong SAR China	774
Canada	770
China	742
Italy	689
Saudi Arabia	617

Finally, top 'referrers' to the website since 1 January 2018:

Referrers		>

Referrer		Views
Search Engines		9,654
Twitter		1,003
cvent.com	•••	585
Facebook		402
WordPress Android App		154
Wikipedia		95
francoromanistes.de	•••	85
geisteswissenschaften.fu-b	•••	77
asfla.net	•••	75
st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/eapco	•••	70

Richard Smith, 17/08/2018

SIG Coordinator's Report

Our 13 SIGs continue to be active and healthy, and constitute a dynamic and innovative aspect of BAAL's key activities.

- 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)
- Language Policy
- Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies (PAWBL)

SIG events

The following events were held over the academic year.

1. **Language Policy inaugural event:** *Shifting paradigms: 'new speakers' and language policy* (Bernie O'Rourke), 2nd September 2017, University of Leeds (following the BAAL conference)
2. **Health and Science Communication:** *Chronic disease and language: understanding social and linguistic representations to improve treatment and prevention*, 29th November 2017, Lancaster University
3. **PAWBL (Professional, academic and work-based literacies) inaugural event:** Friday 8th December 2017, Open University
4. **Testing, Evaluation and Assessment SIG annual one day conference:** *Designing and assessing integrated skills tests*, 13th April, Nottingham Trent University
5. **Language, Gender and Sexuality:** *Ethnographies of language, gender and sexuality*, Thursday 26th April, Goldsmiths, University of London
6. **LKALE:** *Teaching grammar: from theory to policy and practice*, 27th-28th April, Aston University
7. **Language in Africa:** *African languages in public spaces: opportunities and challenges*, Friday 11th May, SOAS, University of London
8. **Language Policy:** *Language policy in the age of diversity: dilemmas and hopes*, Thursday 31st May – Friday 1st June 2018, Sheffield Hallam University
9. **Corpus Linguistics:** *New directions in DDL*, Friday 8th June 2018, Coventry University
10. **Annual conference of the BAAL Vocabulary Studies SIG:** *Vocabulary development and use across diverse contexts*, 9th-10th July, UCL Institute of Education

11. **Language Learning and Teaching SIG Annual Conference:** *Language teaching and learning in unstable times, and in changing political landscapes*, 12th-13th July, University of Southampton
12. **Language and New Media SIG event:** *Changing language and communication practices in contemporary networked societies*, Thursday 19th July, Open University
13. **Linguistic Ethnography Forum:** *EELC 2018: Linguistic ethnography in a changing world,* 20th-21st September 2018, University of Edinburgh

Please see the BAAL newsletter and SIG websites for reports on these events.

BAAL Annual Meeting SIG tracks

12 SIG tracks ran at the BAAL Annual Meeting in September. Our thanks go to the LOC for their efforts in ensuring that the SIGs were accommodated and to the SIGs themselves for reviewing papers and chairing the tracks.

Language in Africa track:	2 papers
Linguistic Ethnography Forum track:	5 papers
Language Learning & Teaching track:	5 papers
Language & New Media track:	5 papers
Language Policy track:	5 papers
LKALE colloquium:	5 papers
Corpus linguistics track:	3 papers
Intercultural communication track:	4 papers
PAWBL track:	5 papers
Vocabulary track:	4 papers
Language, Sexuality and Gender track:	3 papers

Websites

Thanks to the BAAL Website Editor, Richard Smith, all SIGs now have their own websites, which can be accessed in the first instance through our own BAAL website: https://baalweb.wordpress.com/special-interest-groups/.

Caroline Tagg, 16/08/18

Seminars Coordinator's Report

BAAL / Cambridge University Press Seminar Programme 2017-2018

For 2017-2018 BAAL-CUP seminar series, we have received 2 applications. These two proposals were reviewed by three EC members, whose decisions were ratified by the Executive Committee. Both seminars are funded by the scheme, and details are below.

Organiser	Venue	Seminar title	Date
Amanda Potts, Michelle Aldridge-Waddon, Chris Heffer, Frances Rock	The Crime and Security Research Institute, Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales	Forensic Intersections: Interdisciplinary and Multimethod Studies in Language and Law	20 April 2018
Henriette L. Arndt & Dr Jessica Briggs, University of Oxford Christina Lyrigkou, Open University	University of Oxford, Department of Education	(In)formal learning: Linking informal second language learning and classroom practice	March or April 2018

Unfortunately, the first seminar will not be able to go ahead due to some unforeseen circumstances. The second seminar organised by Henriette L. Arndt, Jessica Briggs and Christina Lyrigkou now is scheduled on 23rd and 24th August, 2018. Caroline Tagg is attending the seminar as the EC representative, and I have updated the BAAL promotion slides to be used at this event.

The EC has noticed that not many applications were received for the award in the recent rounds. In order to attract more applications, the EC proposed to increase the amount of the funding at EC meeting in May and I have discussed this with the CUP contact. There are therefore two changes to the BAAL-CUP seminar series:

- The BAAL-CUP award will fund two seminars, with each worth £1,500 for 2018-2019.
- The availability of the funding will be determined on a yearly basis.

I will be sending out 'call for proposals' shortly. The deadline for application is 31st October 2018.

BAAL / Routledge Workshop 2018

BAAL/ Routledge workshop 2018 only received one application. Three EC members reviewed the proposal to agree that it is a timely and interesting topic which should be funded. The result was ratified by EC. The details of the proposal are below:

Organiser	Venue	Workshop title	Date
Xuying Fan Elaine Liu Li Li	University of Exeter	Language teacher cognition research: theoretical stances and methodological choices	October 2018

The call for the 2019 workshop will be sent out through BAAL mail and available on BAAL Seminar webpage. Deadline for 2019 workshop proposal is 31 January 2019.

Li Li (seminar co-ordinator), 27/04/18

Report to BAAL AGM September 2018 on the *Committee for Linguistics in Education*
The Committee on Linguistics in Education (CLIE) www.clie.org.uk is a joint committee of BAAL and LAGB that brings together approximately eighteen associations and organisations with interests in language and languages in the UK education system, from primary school through to teacher training. The main purpose of CLiE is to share information and contribute expertise in linguistics and applied linguistics to benefit the curriculum in institutional settings, the professional training of teachers, and policy-making.

Members and roles.
BAAL has four members on CLiE:
> *Louise Courtney* (University of Reading) (from Nov. 2016).
> *Gee Macrory* (from Nov. 2015).
> *Emma Marsden* (member of CLIE since 2013; CLiE Secretary since November 2015 and therefore serves as the BAAL Rep who sits on BAAL EC).
> *Cathie Wallace* (from November 2014).

Either the Secretary or the Chair of CLiE sit on the BAAL Executive Committee. The roles of Secretary and Chair of CLiE usually alternate between one member of BAAL and one member of LAGB. Dr Willem Hollman (University of Lancaster, LAGB) is the current chair of CLiE. Dr Emma Marsden (University of York, BAAL) is the current secretary of CLiE.
> CLiE will probably seek new BAAL member(s) in the coming year.

Meetings.
The committee meets three times a year in London. Since the last AGM, report, CLiE has met three times: November 2017 (hosted by the University of Westminster), February 2018 (hosted by the British Council), May 2018 (hosted by the British Council).

Undertakings.
CLiE and groups of its members are operating various subprojects. Recent activities and discussions include:
1. **Lectures for Schools: videos for English language teachers.** CLiE has helped English teachers develop some short video lectures on linguistics for GCSE students.
2. **OASIS (Open Accessible Summaries of Second Language Studies.)** https://oasis-database.org. This initiative will improve the accessibility of research into second language learning and multilingualism. The searchable interface is now live, and will shortly be populated with approximately 80 non-technical summaries of peer-reviewed published work (with 200 more in preparation with colleagues around the world). AILA has endorsed the initiative. OASIS has the support of at least 11 international applied linguistics journals: They now ask (or are going to start asking) their authors to write non-technical one-page summaries, following the OASIS genre guidelines. This will be a routine part of the publication process. These summaries would then be made openly accessible on OASIS, highly searchable with a range of discipline specific search parameters. The team is working with a range of professional associations who will help raise awareness and use the summaries for a range of purposes, including CPD for language educators. This project's beginnings were a BAAL Applying Linguistics fund (to Marsden and Kasprowicz) and the initial support of CLiE.

3. **The MFL Pedagogy Review.** CLiE has helped support and disseminate via its various networks the report on this review. https://www.tscouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MFL-Pedagogy-Review-Report-2.pdf. Largely driven by this review, the DfE has recently announced a £4.8 million investment to create a network of schools and a Centre of Excellence for MFL teaching. This aims to to support the delivery of MFL, increase uptake of MFL GCSEs, and help teachers deliver the recommendations in the MFL Pedagogy Report. Marsden's involvement in the review stemmed from her being on CLiE.

4. **UK Linguistics Olympiad, British Academy celebration, and LASER (Linguistics Across Schools for Education and Research).** UKLO falls within CLiE's remit. Continuing the UK's success, this year two UKLO teams would go to Prague to take part in the international event. To celebrate last year's successes, the British Academy held an event on 27th February 2018, with attendance from linguists, Educationalists, exam boards, and David Crystal hosting a prize-giving. At the event, here was discussion about how to move forward in terms of bringing more language analysis into schools, and this has led to some members of CLiE wishing to start a new project known as LASER, led by Graeme Trousdale, with aims of advocacy and promotion of awareness and support for language analysis across the school curriculum. The relationship this project has from CLiE will be discussed at the EC.

5. **UK Language Testing Association is now a formal member association of CLiE**. This was, in part, marked by Chihiro Inoue (University of Bedfordshire) giving an excellent presentation to CLiE on the Common European Framework of Reference: how it was developed, what it is, and how it is used in the UK and beyond.

6. **Position paper on the Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar test.** A subgroup within CLiE are writing a position paper raising some concerns about the content and effects of the SPAG test (an obligatory test in state schools for year 6 pupils at the end of primary schools). The paper is in its near final form and the Chair of CLiE plans to seek the approval /modifications from LAGB and BAAL Executive Committees before it is disseminated and posted on the CLiE website.

7. **CLiE's relationship with external grant applications.** In consultation with BAAL and LAGB (via the presidents) it has been agreed that CLiE's position towards supporting proposals for funding, from those within and outside CLiE membership, is that there should be a good match between CLiE's aims and the project that is seeking support e.g. specific activities with the applicants such as hosting workshops, dissemination, design, consultation. CLiE does not need to consult with BAAL and LAGB on individual cases where support has been sought, but CLiE should report back to the ECs if it decides to support a case.

8. **The British Council (a member of CLiE) and promoting and supporting foreign language learning and teaching.** Vicky Gough from the British Council presented to the group providing the latest information about how they support language education, including discussions about their (ongoing and potential) role in supporting ESOL, EFL, MFL.

Emma Marsden, 25/08/18.