



BAAL AGM

Friday 30th August 2019, 5-6pm
Manchester Metropolitan University

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Chair's Report

I have spent this period stepping up to the role of Chair and establishing contact with key partners and members. I have also concentrated on responding to general queries from the membership, EC (executive committee) and BAAL affiliates, and considering strategic future directions for EC and BAAL in general. The following is an update of key activities since the last AGM:

BAAL-EC matters:

Transition to Mosaic Events:

Our contract with Dovetail (the Management Consultancy company who previously managed the BAAL membership) came to an end in December 2018. Steve Morris, Jess Briggs Baffoe-Djan, Caroline Tagg and I explored various possibilities of management consultancies who may be able to take over from Dovetail and it was decided that Mosaic Events (Director: Sarah Byrne) would be the most appropriate firm to take this up. The quote provided by Mosaic Events was the most competitive we could find, and given their experiences with York St John (they supported the BAAL 2018 annual conference), they had the clearest idea of what exactly we need for BAAL. Since signing a contract, all members of BAAL have been informed of the changes and Mosaic Events have been proactive in ensuring that there is a clear transition from Dovetail to their own services.

On behalf of BAAL, I would like to thank Dovetail for all of their hard work and commitment shown to the Association over the years, and wish Jeanie and Andy all the best for the future. I would also like to formally welcome Mosaic Events to the BAAL team – and to thank them for all of the hard work they have done for BAAL in 2019.

BAAL Website

Mosaic Events has also been helping with the organisation of the new BAAL website, which was launched in February 2019. I would like to note my thanks to Richard Smith (BAAL Web Editor), Sarah Byrne and Sarah's team at Mosaic for all of their hard work in putting this together. It looks great! If any members of BAAL have any suggestions and/or feedback on the website, please let us know. While considering the online presence of BAAL, the topic of the 'guidelines for BAALmail' has arisen again and various ideas have been discussed regarding this matter. A brief oral report of this, as well as a report to changes/updates to the BAAL Wikipedia page, will be provided during the meeting. See: www.baal.org.uk

REF 2021 consultation on the draft guidance and criteria:

BAAL were invited to submit a response to the REF 2021 draft guidance and criteria. In consultation with some previous BAAL Chairs, former REF panel members, BAAL EC members and selected BAAL members, I formulated a response on behalf of the Association. This was submitted on 15 October 2018 and was uploaded to the BAAL website. See: <https://baal.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/BAALs-response-to-REF-consultation-2018.pdf>

ESRC consultation

The ESRC launched a national consultation on the topic of researcher development and leadership in the social sciences (see here for details: <https://esrc.ukri.org/files/research/fit-for-the-future-research-leadership-in-the-social-sciences/>). The consultation focused on the need to promote researcher and leadership development within the social sciences and aimed to drive forward a more ambitious and collaborative national strategy. I circulated a call for responses to this to the EC and the BAAL membership and collated the responses/submitted them by 16th August.

Representing BAAL on other committees

AILA (International Association of Applied Linguistics)

AILA plans to 'strengthen applied linguistic impact on policy making by endorsing socially relevant policies', including plans for AILA to develop, amongst other things, ethical guidelines for AILA affiliates to adhere to. After extensive discussions, AILA have decided to direct members to BAAL's existing (updated 2016 version) guidelines, rather than writing new guidelines, as it was felt that these were detailed/comprehensive enough 'as is'. A link to this BAAL document will be put on AILA's website.

Susan Hunston has been 'member at large' for AILA and the BAAL representative on the committee. She will stand down at the congress next year. Many thanks for all of the hard work, time and commitment Susan has dedicated to AILA over the years.

I joined the AILA EBIC (Executive Board, International Committee) meeting in Lyon on June 24th. Some of the key points of discussions from this meeting are included below:

- Affiliates were encouraged to remind their members of the benefits that they receive from being associated members of AILA. The BAAL website has been updated to include some of this information. In addition to this:
 - BAAL members are encouraged to sign up for the AILA newsletter and will be invited to use the AILA online app that will be released for members shortly (it is currently being tested by members of the EBIC). An email detailing this was circulated to BAALmail.
 - BAAL members are also reminded about the extensive range of AILA RENS (research networks). For more information on these, see: <https://aila.info/research/list-of-research-networks/overview-of-research-networks/>
- Calls for symposia for the AILA 2020 Congress have now closed. 200 proposals were received (30 from the RENS). The call for papers to join the successful symposia went live on 1st July and will close on 16th September 2019.
- Elections for the AILA executive board will be held at the AILA EBIC meeting during the Congress in Groningen, 2020 (9th – 14th August). The Nominating Committee is chaired by the Past President and is made up of two additional members: one EB member and one member of the International Committee (IC). National affiliates are entitled to nominate one or more candidates for election to this Executive Board. Elections are for three years, and are held every three years at the AILA International Congress. The final deadline for submitting nominations is May 31st 2020.
- The AILA Honorary Membership was awarded this year to Professor Tim McNamara for:
 - His intellectual contribution to the field of Language Testing
 - His commitment to social responsibility in Applied Linguistics through his work on language and migration
 - His service to the Applied Linguistics Association of Australia (ALAA) and to the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL)
- The AILA-Europe Junior Researcher Meeting (JRM) entitled 'Multiperspectivity in Applied Linguistics' will take place 26th-28th September 2019 in Sarajevo. For more information on this meeting, see: <https://jrmsarajevo.org>
 - Details of this have been circulated to BAAL. A scholarship will be offered by BAAL to enable one of our junior members to attend this meeting.
 - For information: AILA-Europe has built a presence on Facebook and Twitter. For more information see www.facebook.com/AILAEurope and @AILAEurope

AcSS (Academy of Social Sciences)

The deadline for AcSS Fellowship nominations was 7th June 2019. We proposed two nominations in this round. The outcome of these nominations is likely to be received soon. My thanks go out to the following individuals: Guy Cook, Tony McEnergy, Li Wei, Angela Creese, Greg Myers and Susan Hunston for their consultative advice on the nominations. The deadline for the next round of nominations is December 2019/January 2020 – more information will be circulated in due course.

UCGAL (University Council of General and Applied Linguistics)

UCGAL held an open meeting about Linguistics in REF2021 on 17th December 2018. The Chairs of four sub-panels – Modern Languages & Linguistics, Area Studies, Education, and English Language & Literature – were present to give information and answer questions from partner Associations, including BAAL. Following this meeting, the sub-panel chairs suggested it would be useful to have a list of categories of areas in Linguistics / Applied Linguistics to inform the appointment of further assessors. UCGAL worked on this list and the BAAL EC offered feedback on what was produced. The final list was returned to the REF management. Details of this can be found on the UCGAL website.

Susan Hunston stood down from her role as Chair of UCGAL this year and as an affiliated association representative. On behalf of BAAL, I would like to thank Susan for all of the hard work, time and commitment she has dedicated to UCGAL over the years.

Lesley Jeffries was nominated to the post of Chair of UCGAL (2019+). Many congratulations to Lesley - we look forward to working with her into the future. For more information on UCGAL, see: <http://www.linguistics.ac.uk>

British Academy

The main items on the agenda at the January AcSS meeting were Open Access and Plan S. The Academy worked on a detailed response to Plan S, which can be found here: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/news/british-academy-submits-feedback-on-plan-s-guidance> The Academy also ran a survey on open access and learned societies and subject associations with regards to careers guidance. I have contributed to these on behalf of BAAL and will circulate any results that are published.

Finally, I would like to say many thanks to all colleagues who have been so supportive to me during my first year in the role of Chair. Particular thanks go to Caroline Tagg (Secretary) and Tess Fitzpatrick (outgoing Chair) who have both been fully committed and very patient with me – your on-going support, sensible ideas/feedback has been appreciated.

Dawn Knight, August 2019

Secretary's Report

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

- Welcomed new EC members and organised regular BAAL EC meetings
- Checked the minutes and action points from BAAL EC meeting
- Acted as a point of contact when EC-related questions and queries have been raised (supporting the Chair)
- Sent regular updates on our activities to the AcSS for their monthly eBulletins
- 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
- Scoped out and recruited a new membership management consultancy, Mosaic Events (with the Chair, Treasurer and Membership Secretary)
- Liaised with the French applied linguistics association AFLA (Association Française de Linguistique Appliquée) regarding a tandem partnership with BAAL (ongoing)
- Attended an UCGAL event about applied linguistics in REF 2021 (December 2018)
- Attended an AcSS meeting in London on behalf of the Chair (September 2018)
- Provided feedback on BAAL-CUP proposals

BAAL Annual General Meeting 2019: There will be 3 Ordinary Member posts coming up for election in September. The following officer posts will also become available:

- Meetings Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Website Editor
- Seminars Co-ordinator

All of the posts have been publicised to the BAAL membership with expressions of interest being sought (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/documents/> for role descriptions). These elections will take place during the BAAL AGM. Those officers who have only served one term are permitted to be elected to a second term, if desired (see <https://www.baal.org.uk/committee/> for information on the current committee).

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.

Caroline Tagg, August 2019

Treasurer's Report

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2019

	2019		2018
	£	£	£
INCOME			
Membership Subscription	51,143		43,559
Bank interest	17		16
Book Prize Entries	80		360
Surplus - Conference	10,622		-
Miscellaneous Income	2,017		343
Donations Re: Cris Brumfit	58		20
Net Income - Special Interest Groups	6,167		3,400
	<u>70,104</u>		<u>47,698</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Grants to SIGs	200		400
Book Prize/ Poster prize	309		-
Linguistics Olympiad	2,000		2,000
BAAL Scholarship	932		1,411
Applying Linguistic Fund	2,491		1,180
Dovetail Admin Fees & Expenses	9,201		11,663
Mosaic Events - Fees & Expenses	6,256		-
Exec.Committee Meetings & Accom. expenses	3,483		9,381
AILA/UCML/CLIE & OTHERS - Subs.	7,555		4,598
CUP/BAAL/ESOL/Routledge -Seminars	4,833		4,021
Insurance	715		711
Bank Direct Debit,collect & Sevice Charges	1,445		1,269
Postage,Publication & Printing Costs	80		72
Website Costs	1,194		279
Miscellaneous costs	-		519
Accountant's Fees	875		850
BAAL Colloquium	361		1,884
	<u>41,930</u>		<u>40,238</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u><u>28,174</u></u>		<u><u>7,460</u></u>

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS

BALANCE SHEET

31 MAY 2019

	Note	2019 £	£	2018 £
CURRENT ASSETS				
Other debtors - Funds with SIGs		24,914		18,747
Bank deposits		53,889		44,523
Cash at bank		64,079		51,413
		<u>142,882</u>		<u>114,683</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accrued expenses		875		850
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>142,007</u>	<u>113,833</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>142,007</u>	<u>113,833</u>
FINANCED BY:				
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
Balance brought forward			113,833	106,373
Net surplus for the year			28,174	7,460
Balance carried forward			<u>142,007</u>	<u>113,833</u>

Steve Morris, August 2019

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 2019 and 2020.

1. BAAL 2019: Manchester Metropolitan University, 29-31 August 2019

BAAL 2019 has been organised by Gee Macrory, Dominic and the rest of the team at Manchester Metropolitan. The conference theme is 'Broadening the Horizons of Applied Linguistics'. Plenary speakers for the conference include:

- Julia Carroll (Coventry University)
- Tim Grant (Aston University)
- Kate Pahl (Manchester Metropolitan University)
- Adrian Holliday (Christ Church University Canterbury) (Pit Corder lecture)

There is a Local Organising Committee invited colloquium on Multilingualism, which include the following presentations: Multilingualism visual representation competition - Zhu Hua, Birkbeck University of London, Jessica Bradley, University of Sheffield; Championing heritage language maintenance endeavours: multilingual Malayali women - Indu Meddegema, York St John University; Everyday languaging in the multilingual city - Angela Creese, University of Stirling; Exploring Multilingual Manchester: Toward a new epistemology of urban language diversity - Yaron Matras, University of Manchester; Multilingualism in Higher Education: International perspectives from Tunisia and Luxembourg - Khawla Badwan and John Bellamy, Manchester Metropolitan University; Families as complex 'sites' of multilingualism - Fatma Said, Goldsmiths, University of London; Multilingualism in UK schools - Pura Ariza, Manchester Metropolitan University; and a Roundtable discussion facilitated by Gee Macrory, Manchester Metropolitan University.

There is also a BAAL EC invited colloquium entitled: Applying Linguistics Fund: Innovation and Impact? which features some of the organisers and past recipients of our own Applied Linguistics Fund award, including: Guy cook; Dawn Knight; Rodney Jones and Suzanne Portch; Florence Myles and Bernardette Holmes; Jackie Lou and Susan Stewart; Kate Haworth and Nicci MacLeod; Ursula Lanvers and Kristina Hultgren; Natalie Braber. Others including the following will also contribute remotely, Emma Marsden, Jenny Cheshire and Sue Fox, Alice Grube, Annette Islei (tbc), and Nick Wilson (tbc). Thanks go to Zhu Hua and Kristina Hultgren for coordinating this.

Details about these can be found in the programme via the conference website:
<https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/education/baal/>

In addition to the colloquia, a digital exhibition of winning and shortlisted entries of our Visual Representations of Multilingualism Competition is going to be held at the conference. The award is organised in partnership with CuratorSpace, Multilingual Matters, and the AILA Research Network for Creative Inquiry and Applied Linguistics. Delegates have the opportunity to meet the organisers and artists at the exhibition. We would like to thank Zhu Hua for coordinating this and other colleagues who have shown interest in the competition and helped in many other ways. For more information, please visit:
<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/competition-for-visual-representations-of-multilingualism-2018-2019/>

Specific details regarding the conference budget are unavailable at present.

We received 414 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 5 winners of the BAAL 2019 scholarships are as follows:

PG/ECR Scholarship:

- Henriette Arndt (Oxford)
- Elizabeth Marsden
- Marta Nitecka Barche (Aberdeen)
- Helena Wall (Warwick)

Chris Brumfit Scholarship:

- Charles Ononiwu (Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike Ikwo)

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 and New Media
- (2) Intercultural Communication
- (3) Health and Science Communication
- (4) Language Learning and Teaching
- (5) Language Policy
- (6) Testing, evaluation and assessment
- (7) Vocabulary Studies
- (8) Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education

- (9) Professional, Academic and Work-based Literacies
- (10) Language, Gender and Sexuality
- (11) Linguistic Ethnography

More details about the above can be found at the conference website.

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

2. BAAL 2020: Northumbria University, 3-5 Sep 2020

BAAL 2020 will be hosted by the team led by myself, Alex Ho-Cheong Leung, at Northumbria University. Plans for the conference are already well underway. The theme of the conference will be 'Challenges and opportunities in Applied Linguistics'. The confirmed invited speakers are as follows:

Plenaries:

- David Block (Universitat de Lleida)
- Zhu Hua (Birkbeck)
- Constant Leung (King's College London)

Pit Corder Lecture:

- Emma Marsden (York)

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, etc. have been put into the conference packs for BAAL 2019 and a member of the LOC will also make a short presentation at the closing ceremony of the conference in 2019. The first call for papers for this conference will be circulated by the MS in November 2019.

The incoming Meetings Secretary is due to visit Newcastle in Autumn 2019 to meet with the LOC and to discuss the way forward for BAAL 2020. During that visit s/he 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 the Northumbria team 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 meeting in 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 and a note of thanks

This concludes my AGM report for the year 2019. As I am stepping down from my current role as the Meetings Secretary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow EC members and BAAL members for their collegiality and support which have enabled me to perform my duties successfully in my two terms of service. I have learnt a great deal through the role; it has been my pleasure and privilege serving the organisation. I do, however, look forward to continue interacting with BAAL members and others in future. I wish the incoming Meetings Secretary as well as the organisation all the success. Please also do not hesitate to contact them 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 2019

Membership Secretary's Report

A very warm welcome to all the new members who have joined BAAL over the course of 2018-19 and to all existing colleagues who have renewed their membership! Currently BAAL has 617 full-rate individual members and 320 reduced-rate members. There are additionally 6 individuals nominated under a total of 5 Associate memberships and 124 individuals nominated under a total of 42 Institutional memberships.

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

BAAL is keen to keep expanding its membership base and to further strengthen its voice. If you know of a colleague or student who is not yet a member of BAAL, please encourage them to visit the website and sign up at <https://www.baal.org.uk/join/>. Our online application form and payment system are integrated on one webpage, 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 £120 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 40% 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 (jessica.briggsbaffoe-djan@education.ox.ac.uk) if ever I can be of assistance. Thank you for supporting BAAL and we hope you enjoy your membership.

Jessica Briggs, August 2019

Publications Secretary's Report

BAAL Book Prize 2019

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 May 2019. Based on scoring sheets and written reports, four books listed were selected for the short-list and these are currently under review and being assessed by two internationally renowned experts in the field of applied linguistics.

The winner will be announced at the 2019 BAAL meeting in August.

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

Bernie O'Rourke, August 2019

Postgraduate Liaison and Development Officer's Report

Postgraduate Facebook group

The membership of the Facebook group is growing continuously. We now have 1656 members (4th August 2019), which is an increase from last year's 1526 members (4th August 2018). The group continues to provide a platform for networking and for members to share posts on conferences, research, seminars and job opportunities. The group can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/40190066151/>.

BAAL 2018 at York St John's - Postgraduate event highlights

The Richard Pemberton Best Paper Prize Winner: Sal Consoli (University of Warwick)

Title: *The Researcher-Participants Relationship: What Risks Can We Take?*

Best Poster Prize Winner: Mihiri Jansz (Postgraduate Institute of English, Nawala)

Title: *The problem of being a first language speaker of English in Sri Lanka*

- Postgraduate Research Forum and "Research Speed Dating"

Owen Minns (former Postgraduate & Liaison Coordinator) organised the Research Forum: *Taking Risks in Applied Linguistics: Personal stories from the field*

Guest speakers: Tess Fitzpatrick (Swansea University), Bill Van Patten (Independent Scholar), Rachel Wicaksono (York St John University).

In addition to the PG Forum, there was another PG event, the “Research Speed Dating”, which gave PGs and early career researchers the opportunity to present aspects of their research to each other.

BAAL 2019 Postgraduate and Early-Career Researchers events

- **The Richard Pemberton Best PG paper prize 2019:** 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 and Early Career Researchers Symposium:** *How Can an Early-Career Researcher Best Succeed in Applied Linguistics?*

Guest speakers: Dawn Knight (Cardiff University), Helen Sauntson (York St John University), Tim Grant (Aston University).

- **Workshop** on *How to publish in Applied Linguistics* facilitated by Adrian Holliday (Canterbury Christ Church University).

Sal Consoli, August 2019

Media Coordinator's Report

TWITTER

The BAAL Twitter account has risen from to 2,500 followers (August 2018) to a current total of 3,866 (August 2019).

The main BAAL Twitter account continues to promote details of the annual conferences and BAAL-related events. In early 2019, digests of upcoming BAAL-related Call for Papers were compiled and tweeted out via the main BAAL related account. Since May 2019 as part of an initiative to prompt further engagement with BAAL activities, the main BAAL Twitter account has tweeted out details of SIG events and CUP Seminars alongside a Hashtag for each event. This has allowed BAAL members and Twitter followers to follow each event live via Twitter. The winners of our Visualizing Multilingualism competition were also announced via our main Twitter account in June 2019.

The @__BAAL handle is regularly included in tweets by both individuals and organisations to publicise non-BAAL related events and announcements, but I have chosen not to retweet anything that is unrelated to BAAL Activities.

While the new proactive approach has taken time to set-up and administer, I believe it has made our activities more visible and accessible to our members.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

I have had no media contact whatsoever for BAAL.

Other Activities

A draft of an updated BAAL Wikipedia entry has been compiled by myself with input from the Executive Committee. Pending approval at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting in August 2019, this entry will be made live in September 2019.

Owen Minns, August 2019

Newsletter Editor's Report

This has been my fourth year as BAAL newsletter editor (many thanks for re-electing me last year). Since starting this role, the number of contributions has increased. This was mainly through themed sections that I introduced to broaden the scope and to encourage PhD students and Early Career Researchers to contribute to BAAL News. Especially the PhD reports were very successful, though interest seems to have gone down in the last year. I am currently liaising with our Postgraduate Development and Liaison Coordinator to find out why this is the case.

BAAL News is for all members, so if you would like to see something in our newsletter then please get in touch with me. If you'd like to contribute a piece on your research project or would like to write a book review then I'm very keen to hear from you. Do speak to me at the Annual Meeting if you have any ideas or questions.

Bettina Beinhoff, August 2019

Web Editor's Report

This is my last report as BAAL website editor (2016–2019). The website URL continues to be <http://baal.org.uk/>. While the underlying architecture of the site has not changed

fundamentally over the last year, there has been an overall redesign, and the front page now looks like this:



The redesign was carried out by Mosaic (who have taken over overall BAAL administration), in consultation with the BAAL Executive Committee, and has resulted in an overall modernisation of appearance. The site continues to be on a Wordpress platform, but we now no longer need to pay for a Wordpress 'Business plan' (formerly, \$300 per year). Personnel at Mosaic now also carry out simple updates to information on the website, as part of the services we pay for, whereas this was previously the web editor's responsibility. Future changes to the website architecture (e.g. addition of new pages) will need to be either paid for (at approx. £40 per hour plus VAT) or carried out by the new website editor, who will continue to have password access to the editing 'dashboard'. Making such changes is not a difficult task for anyone who has edited websites using Wordpress, Weebly or equivalent before, though it is slightly more complex than before the redesign. Any disadvantage here is compensated for by the helpful support now available via Mosaic, and the fact that Mosaic has taken on administration of matters such as domain name registration. The task of website editor has overall, then, been simplified.

Apart from the above-mentioned overall facelift and transfer of some responsibilities to Mosaic, the year (2018–19) has mainly been one of consolidation of previously introduced features, including multilingual representation on the front page by means of ticker tape.

Only a few new pages have needed to be added, including “Competition for visual representations of multilingualism”:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/what-we-do/funding/competition-for-visual-representations-of-multilingualism-2018-2019/>

Additionally, content for the following page was finalised with the help of Executive Committee members Kristina Hultgren, Jessica Briggs Baffoe-Djan and Glenn Hadikin: “What applied linguistics is and does”:

<https://www.baal.org.uk/british-association-for-applied-linguistics/what-applied-linguistics-is-and-does/>

Mention should finally be made of the efforts of Rachel Wicaksono and colleagues at York St John University to upload video of plenaries, video posters, abstracts etc. relating to the 2018 BAAL conference. This is all linked to from the ‘Conferences’ tab within the BAAL website, but can also be accessed directly here: <http://www.cvent.com/events/baal-2018-annual-meeting/event-summary-78e684777ce54042b0e7fd5e79f5dc7b.aspx>

Richard Smith, August 2019

SIG Coordinator’s Report

The SIGs continue to be active and healthy and make an important contribution to BAAL’s activities and identity:

- Corpus Linguistics
- Health and Science Communication
- Intercultural Communication
- Language and New Media
- Language, Gender and Sexuality
- Language in Africa
- Language, Learning and Teaching
- Language Policy
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum
- LKALE (Linguistics and Knowledge about Language in Education)
- PAWBL (Professional, Academic and Work-Based Literacies)
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment
- Vocabulary
- English as an Additional Language (EAL) (Established in 2019)

- Multilingualism (Established in 2019)

SIG events

This academic year, the following SIG events have been held:

1. **Testing, Evaluation and Assessment**
Exploring the Relationship between Language Assessment and Second Language Acquisition (SLA) Research
29 March 2019, Institute of Education, UCL
2. **Language, Gender and Sexuality**
Intersections of Language, Gender and Sexuality in Media and Technology
30th May 2019, Birmingham City University
3. **Intercultural Communication**
Intersectionality in Intercultural Encounters
17th May 2019, University of Sheffield
4. **Language Policy**
Language Policy in the Age of Diversity – Dilemmas and Hopes
30-31 May 2019, University of Edinburgh
5. **Vocabulary**
Exploring Vocabulary Development and Use from Multiple Perspectives
25-26 April 2019, Manchester Metropolitan University
6. **Language in Africa**

10 May 2019, University of Portsmouth
7. **Language and New Media**
A Force for Good: Digital Media, Positive Social Change and Transformative Practice
2 May 2019, University of Nottingham
8. **LKALE**
Developing Reading
4-5 July 2019, University of Oxford
9. **PAWBL**
Work, Life, Study: Literacies In and Out of Institutions
11 June 2019, Birmingham City University
10. **Language, Learning and Teaching**
Learning and Teaching in Different Contexts

28-29 June 2019, University of Bath

The Health and Science Communication SIG event is due to be held in September:

11. Health and Science Communication

Argumenting Health Communication in the Digital Era

13 September 2019, University of Brescia (Italy)

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

BAAL Annual Meeting SIG tracks

11 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 and New Media track: 5 papers
- Intercultural Communication track: 5 papers
- Health and Science Communication track: 5 papers
- Language Learning and Teaching track: 5 papers
- Language Policy track: 5 papers
- Testing, Evaluation and Assessment track: 5 papers
- Vocabulary track: 5 papers
- LKALE track: 5 papers
- PAWBL track: 5 papers
- Language, Sexuality and Gender track: 3 papers
- Linguistic Ethnography Forum track: 5 papers

Websites

Thanks to the BAAL Website Editor, Richard Smith, all SIGs now have updated information on the SIGs section of the new BAAL website and updated links to their own websites.

Helen Sauntson, August 2019

Seminars Coordinator's Report

BAAL / Cambridge University Press Seminar Programme 2018-2019

BAAL and Cambridge University Press have agreed that BAAL-CUP award will fund two seminars, with each worth £1,500.

For 2018-2019 BAAL-CUP seminar series, we have received 6 applications. Based on the review panel's recommendation, the following seminars were supported, each with £1,500 plus a repayable float of £500:

University of Leeds	Blowing away the dust: Illuminating the value of practitioner research in Applied Linguistics	Dr Loreto Aliaga, Dr Judith Hanks, Dr Harry Kuchah, Dr Laura Grassick	8 th - 9th April 2019	https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/education-research-expertise/events/event/862/b-a-a-l-cambridge-university-press-seminar-blowing-away-the-dust-illuminating-the-value-of-practitioner-research-in-applied-linguistics
University of Leeds	Creative Inquiry in Applied Linguistics: Purposes, Practices, Possibilities	Dr Lou Harvey, University of Leeds Ms Jessica Bradley, Leeds Trinity University Dr Emilee Moore, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	10th- 11th July 2019	https://creativeinquiryaila.wordpress.com/network-events/

In addition, two runners up were awarded a repayable float of £500, they are:

Manchester Metropolitan University	On the interplay of language, hospitality and social justice: interdisciplinary threads	Dr Khawla Badwan and Dr Samantha Wilkinson	2-3 May 2019	https://www2.mmu.ac.uk/languages/about-us/events/detail/index.php?id=10471
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University of Central Lancashire	Applied Linguistics and Transdisciplinary Impact: Critical Perspectives and Opportunities for Researcher Development	Professor Michael Thomas and Dr Nicola Halenko	26 July 2019	#
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The availability of the funding will be determined on a yearly basis. A Call for Proposals will be sent out in September.

BAAL / Routledge Workshop

BAAL/ Routledge workshop scheme has ceased from 2019.

Li Li, August 2019

CLiE Representative

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 education. 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 education of teachers, and policy-making.

Members and roles

BAAL has four members on CLiE: Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University) (from November 2015); Cathie Wallace (UCL IoE) (from November 2014), Maria Arche (University of Greenwich) (from November 2018) and Ursula Lanvers (University of York) (from November 2018). 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 Gee Macrory (Manchester Metropolitan University,

BAAL) is the current chair of CLiE. Dr Eva Eppler (University of Roehampton, LAGB) is the current secretary of CLiE.

Meetings

The committee meets three times a year in London. Since the last AGM report, CLiE has met three times: November 2018 (hosted by the British Council), February 2019 (hosted by the UCL Institute of Education) and May 2019 (hosted by the UCL Institute of Education).

Undertakings

CLiE and groups of its members are operating various subprojects. Recent activities and discussions include:

1. SPaG position paper

CLiE has now, with the agreement of BAAL and LAGB, published and disseminated a position paper on the SPaG test (Punctuation, Spelling and Grammar), a test now obligatory in state schools at the end of primary schooling. The position paper was circulated to a number of outlets in May (Times Educational Supplement, Guardian Education, Independent, Teachertoolkit.co.uk, DfE, Ofsted, AQA and other exam boards) in time to coincide with this year's SPaG tests, and was this was reposted by teachertoolkit.co.uk. Dr. Willem Hollmann, a member of CLiE now has taken a lead on SPaG, received a letter from Ofsted, which, while brief and non-committal, nevertheless acknowledged the perspective offered. The position paper is available on the CLiE website at <https://clie.org.uk/responses/>.

2. UKLO (UK Linguistics Olympiad)

The UK first competed in the IOL in 2009, and has competed in 11 olympiads. They most recently competed in 2019 in Yongin, Korea, collecting three gold, two silver and two bronze medals. In total, they have sent 68 participants in 17 teams. To see details of results and participants, visit: <https://ioling.org/results/GBR/>. Discussions at CLiE meetings have also sought to address the issue of increasing participation by state schools and by girls.

3. LASER (Linguistics Across Schools for Education and Research)

As reported last year, the British Academy held an event on 27th February 2018, with attendance from linguists, Educationalists, exam boards, and David Crystal hosting a prize-giving, to celebrate the UK's ongoing success in the UK Olympiad (UKLO). At that event, there was discussion about how to move forward in terms of bringing more language analysis into schools, and this 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. A highly

successful launch LASER launch event was held on 11th March 2019 at the British Academy in London. The speakers included Bas Aarts, Ian Bauckham, [Paul Glaister](#), Neil Sheldon, [Michelle Sheehan](#), [Rachel Hawkes](#) and [Deborah Pearson](#). The full [programme](#) and [registration link](#) for the event were placed on the CLiE web-page. The event was well attended and Graeme Trousdale, Dick Hudson, Eva Eppler, Cathie Wallace, Maria Arche and Gee Macrory were there as members of CLiE. There are a number of follow-up items now available on the CLiE website at <https://clie.org.uk/laser-launch2/>. These include links to a special issue of the *journal Languages, Society, Policy* which was dedicated to the event and contains short summaries of the talks by most of the presenters, as well as links to an issue of the journal *Impact* which co-publishes these. There are also reports of the event and discussions, links to noteworthy mentions in the press and links to the Powerpoint presentations from the event. At the CLiE meeting in February 2019, the idea of holding a teacher-facing LASER event was discussed and this is something we will be pursuing in the next academic year.

4. Ongoing projects and website

We decided recently that we should add more information about ongoing projects to our website, so we could encourage members to visit: <https://clie.org.uk/projects>. These include links to modern languages projects, such as [RIPL \(Research in Primary Languages\)](#) and [NCELP \(National Centre for Excellence for Language Pedagogy\)](#), as well as UKLO and LASER.

Gee Macrory, August 2019