

BAAL report for CLIE meeting 95

The BAAL Newsletter archives are being digitised and will be made available online. Given the involvement of applied linguists in CLIE-related affairs over the years, this may be of interest to colleagues.

Country of Origin Research and information (CORI) is holding a two day conference on 10th and 11th June 2010 in London, drawing together experts and practitioners involved in providing objective evidence within asylum proceedings to discuss "Challenges and Commonalities in Providing Objective Evidence for Refugee Status Determination," including the interplay of the paradigms of our academic/professional disciplines and legal requirements. BAAL will fund one member to attend, given that linguistic expertise is often an aspect of status determination. This is drawn to CLIE's attention because of the number of refugee English language learners in the UK.

The 43rd BAAL Annual Conference, with the theme *Applied Linguistics: Global and Local* will take place 9 - 11 September 2010 at the University of Aberdeen.

Catherine Walter, May 2010

CLIE Meeting 95: report from NALDIC (National Association for Language Development in the Curriculum)

As always the NALDIC website at www.naldic.org.uk provides current news on issues and events related to EAL and bilingual learners. Some recent topics include the uncertainty over education funding to schools in 2011 and whether there will continue to be a ring fenced grant for EAL and minority ethnic learners' achievement; the work of the IoE with the TDA on the identification and selection of core knowledge and skills for teachers of EAL learners and specialist EAL teachers (as part of their research project into EAL and teacher professionalism); and of course, the annual conference, a two day event in November 2010 in conjunction with Kings College London, marking the launch of a Comenius EU initial teacher education project led by Kings with NALDIC as a nominated partner.

Charlotte Franson, May 2011

BL update for CLiE May 2010

Voices of the UK

Three year project funded by The Leverhulme Trust, February 2009 – January 2012

Progress updates and a weekly project blog available online at:

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/bldept/socsci/research/voicesuk/voices.html>.

First findings will be presented at Sociolinguistic Symposium 18 at Southampton University, Sept 1st – 3rd 2010

Children's Playground Games and Songs in the New Media Age

Two year project funded by AHRC Beyond Text, April 2009 – March 2011

Institute of Education, University of Sheffield, University of East London & BL

Details, including papers and a selection of audio clips available online at:

<http://projects.beyondtext.ac.uk/playgroundgames/index.php>

Current activity focuses on scoping work for a BL Learning website.

Jonnie Robinson May 2010

Language, Linguistics and Area Studies Subject Centre

Linguistics Specialists Group

- The group met on **Friday 28th February, 2010**, at CILT. The following discussion points are of common interest:
 - Student webpages;
 - Future plans;
 - Employability and linguistics;
 - E-learning;
 - The Linguistics Olympiad.

- **Student webpages**

The LLAS website now hosts webpages for students contributions, including articles written to encourage and popularise the study of linguistics: *Why study syntax?*, *Why study phonetics?*, *Studying typology*, etc. The pages can be found at <http://www.llas.ac.uk/resources/guidecontents.html>

LSG is also currently assembling contributions from recent linguistics graduates on the value of their linguistics training in the context of their first destination employment. These short articles will be published.

- **Future plans**

The meeting heard about Subject Centre restructuring and the impact on LSG's future meetings, the frequency of meetings to be reduced. Future events were also discussed, including:

 - Speech and Language Therapy event (Jan 2011)
 - Linguistics for English Literature and English Language Students (date tbc)
 - Employability event (date tbc)

Plans were also made to strengthen ties with the English Subject Centre.

- **Employability and linguistics**

Jeanine Treffers-Daller updated the meeting on her own employability project focusing on linguistics graduates and spoke of the difficulty faced in obtaining data. The problem of linguistics continuing to be 'invisible' in the records – not featuring specifically in degree names, etc. – impacts negatively on gathering data to reflect employability.

- **E-learning**

LSG resolved to engage with data collection regarding linguistics e-learning resources.

- **International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL)**

The meeting heard a report on the latest preparations for the 2010 IOL to be held in Sweden (see <http://www.iol.nu/>). The UK will enter two teams at this event.

Full details of the IOL can be accessed at <http://www.uklo.org/olympiad.htm>

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