

COMMITTEE FOR LINGUISTICS IN EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING 75

Wednesday 05th November 2003
2.00-5.00 p.m.

at The Institute of Education, University of London

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies for absence

Thanks were expressed to Sue Barry and Ros Ivanic for past work. Also to Euan Reid and the Institute of Education for arranging the meeting room.

PRESENT: Richard Aplin (ALA), Sue Barry (LAGB), Jill Bourne (BAAL, also CLIE Secretary), Billy Clark (LAGB), Keith Davidson (NATE), Dick Hudson (LAGB, also CLIE Chair), Terry Lamb (ALL), Tim Shortis (University of Bristol), Brian Street (Kings College), Catherine Walter (BAAL),

APOLOGIES: Keith Brown (LAGB), Celine Castelino (BSA), Janet Maybin (BAAL), April McMahon (LAGB), Marina Spiegel (NATECLA),

DH noted that the CLIE website address is
www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/ec/clietop.htm

2. Amendments to Minutes of Meeting 74

The minutes were agreed as a correct record

3. Matters arising

Item 3 (from Matters arising: item 3.3): DH on behalf of CLIE had offered assistance on the KS3 English strand, but since Alan Howe is now leading the KS3 Strategy and has been replaced on the English strand by Gerry Swain, DH has made his offer to Gerry Swain instead. GS has accepted the offer and DH and he are hoping to meet soon to explore ways in which CLIE can help. Suggestions were invited from the committee on what we might offer. Suggestions included: commenting on strategy documents in their draft form from a research perspective; suggesting appropriate experts for working groups; commenting on the technical aspects of drafts. It was suggested that email would be the quickest form of communication.

ACTION: DH

It was suggested that CLIE should see itself as a network, recruiting experts on particular topics. DH would introduce CLIE by letter to the current ^{MP} heading up the KS3 Strategy, who was thought to be Stephen Twigg.

ACTION: DH

4. Terms of Reference

These were last reviewed in 2001. Terms were discussed and amendments made, ~~see paper attached~~. These would be submitted to the committees of BAAL and LAGB for discussion and approval.

ALL has organized 6 events on various languages in various parts of the country, and its local branches have organized others. Six further events are planned for the coming months. The annual Language World Conference will be 2-4 April.

LAGB's AHRB PhD bid has been successful: six PhD awards per year for three years ring-fenced for research on the linguistics of MFL ('Major Foreign Languages' - ie the European languages that are widely taught in British schools and universities).

English:

QCA have published "New Perspectives on Spoken English in the Classroom: Discussion papers" (2003). These are also available on the web at <http://www.qca.org.uk/ca/subjects/english/publications.asp>

KS3 "Grammar for Reading" has been published and is now in use as part of KS3 Strategy. It can be downloaded via www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/dick/lagb-las.htm

A-level: two meetings about links to university level study have been held, organized by LAGB and the L&T Subject Centre.

Language Awareness:

The Association for Language Awareness is holding a Conference on July 19-21, at the University of Lleida, Spain. Speakers include Dr Amy Tsui, Dr Jesus Tucson, and Dr Leo van Lier.

EAL:

The DFES has called for tenders for courses to pilot a National Qualification for Specialist Teachers of EAL. Kate Daley at the DFES is leading a Working Group on EAL as part of the Ethnic Minority Achievement Unit.

E-learning - The L & T Subject Centre is requesting contacts on e-learning in linguistics.

8. AOB

None

The meeting was followed by a presentation and discussion led by Professor Ros Mitchell on the KS3 MFL Strategy: Word, Sentence and Text. The paper can be found on:

<ftp://ftp.phon.ucl.ac.uk/pub/Word-Grammar/ec/mitchell-clie.htm>

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