

EUROCALL Annual Report 2002/2003

Headquarters and secretariat

EUROCALL went ahead with arrangements to transfer its headquarters from the Language Institute at the University of Hull to The Department of Language & Cultural Studies at the University of Limerick, Ireland in September 2003. June Thompson and Graham Chesters were both due to retire from their respective posts as Secretary and Treasurer at the University of Hull, and the University of Limerick was identified as an appropriate venue for the new headquarters.

Margaret Gammell was appointed as Secretary and Angela Chambers as Treasurer, from 1st September 2003.

Executive Committee

Members of the Executive Committee for the period in question are listed below. Members of the Committee attend two meetings a year, normally at the expense of their own institution but with assistance from EUROCALL if they have no other source of funding. In between meetings, discussion is carried out through a closed e-mail discussion list. Several committee members also serve on the Academic Advisory Panel of EUROCALL's journal, ReCALL, and on the programme committee for EUROCALL conferences. EUROCALL does not pay any fees for the services of its committee members.

Ms Françoise Blin (elected)

Dublin City University, Ireland

Prof Angela Chambers, (co-opted - 2003 conference organiser)

University of Limerick, Ireland

Ms Nicole Chénik (co-opted)

Université Paris Dauphine, France

Prof Graham Chesters, Treasurer (appointed)

University of Hull, UK

Prof Graham Davies (elected)

Thames Valley University, UK

Dr Ana Gimeno, Vice-President (elected)

Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain

Dr Klaus Peters (observer – 2004 conference organiser)

University of Vienna

Dipl.-Math. Stephan Pohlmann (observer – co-ordinator of national representatives)

Universität Rostock, Germany

Prof Dr. Bernd Rüschoff, President (elected)

Universität Gesamthochschule Essen, Germany

Matthias Schulze (elected)

University of Waterloo, Canada

Ms Peppi Taalas (co-opted – 2002 conference organiser)

University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Ms Maija Tammelin (elected)

Helsinki School of Economics and business Administration, Finland

Ms June Thompson, Secretary (appointed)

University of Hull, UK

Membership

Total membership of EUROCALL fell slightly from 363 to 325. This issue continues to be a matter of concern, with every effort being made to boost membership. The table below gives a breakdown of the countries represented. EUROCALL continues to operate a reciprocal arrangement with affiliated associations such as CALICO, so that members of these associations are entitled to certain EUROCALL benefits and vice-versa.

2003 EUROCALL Members by country (paid) at 23 July 2003

COUNTRY	CORPORATE	INDIVIDUAL	TOTAL
Australia	0	6	6
Austria	1	5	6
Belgium	9	4	13
Canada	1	3	4
Chile	1	0	1
Cyprus	0	1	1
Czech Republic	1	1	2
Denmark	2	7	9
Estonia	0	2	2
Finland	6	44	50
France	0	8	8
Germany	6	19	25
Greece	0	12	12
Hong Kong	1	1	2
Hungary	0	2	2
Iceland	0	1	1
Ireland	4	13	17
Israel	1	1	2
Italy	3	8	11
Japan	0	18	18
Kosova	0	1	1
Latvia	0	1	1
Netherlands	8	3	11
New Zealand	0	2	2

Norway	0	2	2
Poland	0	1	1
Portugal	1	2	3
Romania	0	1	1
Singapore	0	1	1
Spain	2	11	13
Sweden	4	6	10
Switzerland	4	4	8
Taiwan	0	1	1
Turkey	1	1	2
UK	25	38	63
USA	0	13	13
TOTAL	81	244	GRAND TOTAL 325

Finance

Income in membership fees amounted to €28,910/£17,346. A surplus of €8,000/£5,000 was received from the Jyväskylä Conference. However, there was an overall deficit of €6,517/£3,910 for the year. This was due mainly to conference surplus targets not being met, and a drop in membership. A small overall surplus would be budgeted for in the year 2003-2004.

Publication

Two issues of ReCALL were distributed via Cambridge University Press. These were also made available to subscribers electronically by password access.

Accounts from CUP showed that for the first time a small net surplus had been generated in the calendar year 2002, with an encouraging forecast of a further surplus in 2003. The Editorial Board for the year 2003-2004 is listed below:

Editors

Graham Chesters and June Thompson, University of Hull, UK

Reviews Editors

Liam Murray, University of Limerick.

Ide O'Sullivan, University of Limerick

Editorial Board

Angela Chambers, University of Limerick, Ireland.

Carol A. Chapelle, TESL/Applied Linguistics, Ames, IA USA

Graham Davies, Camsoft, UK

Françoise Demaizière, Université Paris 6/7, France.

Robert Fischer, Southwest Texas State University, TX USA

Nina Garrett, Yale University, New Haven, USA

Michael Levy, University of Queensland, Qld, Australia.

Peter G Liddell, University of Victoria, Canada.

David Little, University of Dublin, Ireland.

Sue K Otto, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, USA

Kazumi Sakai, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan

Dieter Wolff, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Germany.

Resources

Members are able to access a wide range of relevant resources via the EUROCALL website, including the Online Software Database at <http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/cit/swdb.html> and Internet Resources for Language Teachers and Learners at <http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/cit/langsite/index.html> as well as Software, Website and Book Reviews at <http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/cit/reviews.html>, a CALL Bibliography and other resources, all accessible via <http://www.lang.ltsn.ac.uk/cit/index.html>. A new online quarterly Newsletter was launched in 2002, edited by Ana Gimeno. This can be accessed at <http://www.eurocall-languages.org/newsletter/index.htm>

Information service

Discussion list

At the end of the period in question, there were 288 registered users of the discussion list, the same number as on the previous year. The list is open to members and non-members alike and continues to be regularly used.

Website

The EUROCALL website domain of www.eurocall.org having expired, a new domain was found at www.eurocall-languages.org. The website continued to be maintained and enhanced by Fred Riley from Hull with intention to move to a new server at the University of Limerick during 2004.

Regional representatives

Stephan Pohlmann has continued to co-ordinate the national/regional representatives, who act as contacts in their own particular regions, setting up local websites to stimulate relevant activity locally and to promote membership of EUROCALL. The representatives meet annually at the conference to share ideas, and the Co-ordinator of the representatives is co-opted onto the EUROCALL Executive Committee as an observer.

Conference

Another successful annual conference was held in September 2002 at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, organised by Peppi Taalas. A selection of papers from the conference were published in ReCALL volume 15.

The Annual EUROCALL Research Award

The winner of the Research Award for 2002 was Gabriela Adela Gánem Gutiérrez of the University of Southampton. Runner-up was a joint paper by Freda Mishan and Bob Strunz of the University of Limerick. Both papers were published in ReCALL Vol. 15.

The János Kohn Scholarship

Mr Gyula Tankó of Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary, attended the Jyväskylä conference as holder of the 2002 Scholarship. His report on the conference was published in ReCALL 14 (2).

Ms Zsuzsanna Angeli was awarded the Scholarship for 2003, for attendance at the Limerick conference.

Special Interest Groups

A successful pre-conference workshop was held at the Jyväskylä conference by the Language Processing SIG. This SIG and the Instil SIG is operated jointly with CALICO.

Full information on both of these SIGs may be found on the EUROCALL website at <http://www.eurocall-languages.org/sigs.htm>

Affiliations

Contact with major national and international associations such as CALICO, IALLT and ATELL continues, and progress has been made towards the establishment of WorldCALL, to act as an 'umbrella' association, with its headquarters at Griffith University, Australia. The second WorldCALL conference was held in Banff, Canada in May 2003.

Margaret Gammell
Secretary, EUROCALL