

# **EUROCALL Annual Report 2006-2007**

#### Headquarters and secretariat

EUROCALL's headquarters is located at The Department of Language & Cultural Studies at the University of Limerick, Ireland. Margaret Gammell manages the secretariat and Angela Chambers is Treasurer. Both are appointed members of the EUROCALL Executive Committee.

# **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, Re*CALL*, and on the programme committee for EUROCALL conferences. EUROCALL does not pay any fees for the services of its committee members.

# Dr Françoise Blin, Vice-President (elected)

Dublin City University, Ireland

# Prof Angela Chambers, Treasurer (appointed)

University of Limerick, Ireland

# **Prof Graham Davies (elected)**

Thames Valley University, UK

# Mrs Margaret Gammell, Secretary (appointed)

University of Limerick, Ireland

# Dr. Ana Gimeno, President (elected)

Universidad Politécnica de Valencia, Spain

#### **Prof. John Gillespie (co-opted – organiser of 2007 conference)** University of Coleraine, N. Ireland

#### **Tony Harris (co-opted - organiser of 2006 conference)** Universidad de Granada, Spain

# Dr. Robert O'Dowd (elected)

University of Leon, Spain

#### **Lesley Shield (elected)** The Open University, UK.

**Dr Peppi Taalas (elected)** University of Jyvaskylä, Finland

#### Dr Maija Tammelin (elected)

Helsinki School of Economics and business Administration, Finland

# Ms June Thompson, (co-opted)

University of Hull, UK

#### Membership

Total membership of EUROCALL at 31 Dec 2006 was 319. 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.

COUNTRY	CORPORATE	INDIVIDUAL	TOTAL
Australia	0	6	6
Austria	3	6	9
Belgium	6	3	9
Canada	1	4	5
Chile	0	2	2
Cyprus	1	1	2
Czech Republic	2	2	4
Denmark	1	7	8
Finland	6	12	18
France	1	10	11
Germany	7	15	22
Greece	2	9	11
Ireland	6	7	13
Israel	0	1	1
Italy	3	8	11
Japan	0	30	30
Kosovo	0	1	1
Latvia	0	1	1
Mexico	0	3	3
Netherlands	7	2	9
Norway	0	8	8
Poland	0	4	4
Portugal	1	3	4
Russia	1	2	3
Singapore	0	1	1
Spain	2	37	39
Sweden	5	3	8
Switzerland	3	2	5
Taiwan	0	3	3
Turkey	1	1	2
UK	20	33	53
USA	1	12	13
TOTAL	80	239	GRAND TOTAL 319

#### 2006 EUROCALL Members by country (paid) at 31Dec 2006

#### Finance

Income from membership fees amounted to  $\notin 27,330$ . A surplus of  $\notin 7,990$  was received from the Granada Conference. In addition, an amount of  $\notin 7,630$  was received from Cambridge University press which permitted a transfer to the reserve of  $\notin 3294$ . However, the Treasurer cautioned that without the unexpected income from CUP there would have been a deficit and forecast a small profit for 2007-2008.

#### Publication

Two issues of Re*CALL* were distributed via Cambridge University Press. These were also made available to subscribers electronically by password access. It was planned to produce three issues of the Journal from January 2007.

Accounts from CUP showed that a net surplus of  $\notin$ 7,630 had been generated in the calendar year 2006, with a forecast of a more modest surplus in 2007. The Editorial Board for the year 2006-2007 is listed below:

#### Editors

Françoise Blin, Dublin City University, Ireland 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 Marie-Madeleine Kenning, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK Michael Levy, Griffith University, Queensland, 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, <u>http://www.eurocall-languages.org</u> including the Online Software Database at <u>http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/resources/swdb.htm</u> and Internet Resources for Language Teachers and Learners at <u>http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/langsite/</u>, as well as Software, Website and Book Reviews at <u>http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/reviews/index.htm</u>, a CALL Bibliography and other resources, all accessible via <u>http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/</u>. The online Newsletter was re-launched as *The EUROCALL Review* and is now available in two issues per year. *The EUROCALL Review* is edited by Ana Gimeno. This can be accessed at <u>http://www.eurocall-languages.org/news/newsletter/index.html</u>

#### Information service

#### **Discussion** list

At the end of the period in question, there were 334 registered users of the discussion list, a slight increase 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 at <u>http://www.eurocall-languages.org</u> continues to be maintained by Fred Riley, who is continually updating and improving this vital members' resource.

## **Regional representatives**

National/regional representatives 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 are co-ordinated by Peppi Taalas, who is also a member of the EUROCALL Executive Committee.

# Conference

Another successful annual conference was held in September 2006 at University of Granada, Spain, organised by Tony Harris. A selection of papers from the conference was published in Re*CALL* volume 19. A feature of this conference was the introduction of a virtual strand, which was coordinated by Lesley Shield and Peppi Taalas.

# The Annual EUROCALL Research Award

There were no applicants for the Research Award for 2006.

# The János Kohn Scholarship

The János Kohn Scholarship for 2006 was awarded to Besa Pupa of Kosovo. Due to a lack of applicants from Hungary for the scholarship in 2005, it had been agreed by the Executive Committee that the scholarship should be extended to include applicants from new EU member states from 2006. Ms Pupa was unable to attend the conference in Granada but would attend EUROCALL 2007 in Coleraine, N. Ireland.

## **Special Interest Groups**

EUROCALL currently has two Special Interest Groups or SIGS. The Natural Language Processing SIG, which is operated jointly with CALICO, and CorpusCALL. Full information on both of these SIGs may be found on the EUROCALL website at <a href="http://www.eurocall-languages.org/sigs/index.html">http://www.eurocall-languages.org/sigs/index.html</a>

#### Affiliations

Contact with major national and international associations such as CALICO and IALLT 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 third WorldCALL conference would take place in Fukuoka, Japan 5-8 August 2008.

Margaret Gammell Secretary, EUROCALL