



EUROCALL Annual Report 2008-2009

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

Zsuzsanna Angeli, (co-opted – organiser of 2008 conference)

Kodolányi University College, Székesfehérvár, Hungary

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)

University of Coleraine, N. Ireland

Dr. Robert O'Dowd (elected)

University of Leon, Spain

Ms Mirjam Hauck (elected)

The Open University, UK.

Dr. Peppi Taalas (elected)

University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Ms June Thompson, (co-opted)

University of Hull, UK

Membership

Total membership of EUROCALL at 31 Dec 2008 was 192. The table below gives a breakdown of the countries represented. EUROCALL continues to operate a reciprocal arrangement with CALICO, so that members of these associations may avail of a reduced-rate membership of the sister Association.

2008 EUROCALL Members by country (paid) at 31Dec 2008

COUNTRY	CORPORATE	INDIVIDUAL	ONLINE	CALICO	TOTAL
Australia		1		1	2
Austria		2			2
Belgium	3	1			4
Canada		1			1
Chile		1			1
China		1			1
Cyprus		2			2
Czech Republic	1	2			3
Denmark		4			4
Finland	5	3			8
France		4	1		5
Germany	4	6		1	11
Greece		2			2
Hong Kong		1	1		2
Hungary		1	1		2
Ireland	6	4	4	1	15
Italy	1	3			4
Japan		30		2	32
Malaysia		1			1
Mexico		1			1
Netherland	3	3		1	7
New Zealand				2	2
Norway	1	1			2
Poland		5	1		6
Portugal		2			2
Russia		2			2
Spain	2	8	1	1	12
Sweden	4	1			5
Switzerland	1				1
Taiwan		1			1
Turkey	1				1
UAE				2	2
UK	14	14	1		29
USA		6	1	10	17
TOTAL	46	114	11	21	Grand Total 192

Finance

Income from membership fees amounted to €24,663. A surplus of €427 was received from the Székesfehérvár Conference. The organisers of EUROCALL 2007 submitted a further €1,738 being a total of €9,000 profit received from that conference. Additional income in the amount of €600 was received from conference workshops. Costs of publications and travel were greatly reduced for the period and final accounts showed a deficit of €1,394 for the year. The Treasurer was predicting a small profit for 2009-2010 but cautioned that costs must be kept to a minimum if this were to be achieved.

Publication

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

Accounts from Cambridge University Press showed that a net surplus of €4,327 had been generated in the calendar year 2008, with a forecast of a similarly modest surplus in 2009. The Editorial Board for the year 2008-2009 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

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Andrea Kárpáti, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary

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.

Resources

Members are able to access a wide range of relevant resources via the EUROCALL website, <http://www.eurocall-languages.org> including the Online Software Database at <http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/resources/swdb.htm> and Internet Resources for Language Teachers and Learners at <http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/langsite/>, as well as Software, Website and Book Reviews at <http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/reviews/index.htm>, a CALL Bibliography and other resources, all accessible via <http://www.fredriley.org.uk/call/>.

The EUROCALL Review, edited by Ana Gimeno, is available online with two issues per year. This can be accessed at

<http://www.eurocall-languages.org/news/newsletter/index.html>

Information service

Discussion list

At the end of the period in question, there were 360 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 <http://www.eurocall-languages.org> 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 2008 at Kodolányi University College, Székesfehérvár, Hungary, organised by Zsuzsanna Angeli. A selection of papers from the conference was published in ReCALL volume 21. This year's conference faced a particular challenge with a proliferation of CALL conferences being held in the same short period of months, all drawing from the same pool of researchers. This resulted in a smaller attendance than usual. However, the conference was extremely successful academically and socially and did return a small profit. EUROCALL 2008 featured a bigger and improved virtual strand which was once again, coordinated by Lesley Shield and Peppi Taalas. A Virtual Strand Sub-Committee was established to oversee this aspect of the conference and is chaired by Lesley Shield.

The Annual EUROCALL Research Award

There was no recipient of the Annual EUROCALL Research Award for 2008.

The János Kohn Scholarship

The János Kohn Scholarship for 2008 was awarded to Joanna Jendryczka-Wierszycka of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, who was in attendance at the conference.

Special Interest Groups

EUROCALL currently has three Special Interest Groups or SIGS. The Natural Language Processing SIG, which is operated jointly with CALICO, CorpusCALL and the Computer Mediated Communication SIG. The SIGS are co-ordinated by Robert O'Dowd of University of León, Spain.

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

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 was held in Fukuoka, Japan 5-8 August 2008.

Margaret Gammell
Secretary General, EUROCALL