

MINUTES LSB General Assembly 25/05/2018

1. Financial Report

See overview Magali Paquot

a. declining memberships

- > we need to be more proactive on recruitment
- > we need to send a membership renewal e-mail around the end of January

> add more frequent reminders, not just before the Linguists's Day

b. we have a bit of a buffer in the savings, but are still expecting a big invoice from Benjamins

c. Mailing list: one of our offers. If people are using the mailing list while not a member, we should gently remind them this is a prerequisite. > People who are not a member, do not get the e-mails (Damien De Meyere confirms this is all automated)

2. Events and publications

a) Belgian Journal of Linguistics

BJL31 (2017): Syntactic Variation

- > we submitted in time
- > Benjamins is late with publication (expected 'later in May')

> Timothy is following up on this

BJL32 (2018): Non-prototypical it-cleft

- > on schedule to be submitted in June/July

We are in the process of getting ISI label. Scheduling is important for this, so this is why the issues with BJL31 are problematic.

BJL33 (2019): all proposals are welcome

- > deadline proposal: August 2018
- > deadline manuscript: June 2019
- > if no proposals are received, we will launch an open call

In addition: Yesterday (24/05/'18), we heard that Benjamins would like to "transform the BJL into an actual journal with two issues per year (of about 100 pp each). The main reasons behind that suggestion are (i) that it is increasingly difficult to have yearbooks accepted for indexing/abstracting services such as Web of Science etc. and (ii) that it would be easier to have the issues appear on time.". We have no time to go into this in detail now, but probably will have to make a decision before the next general assembly. The board will discuss and consult members before making a decision.

Member input:

- > real volume might encourage more subscribers, compared to special issues, which target a more niche audience
- > digital access is important

Comments and suggestions are welcome

b) The working papers of the previous Linguists' day are available on the LSB website. Thanks to Jessica Van de Weerde en Patrick Den Daele for editing.

c) Linguists' Day

Many thanks to the Liège team for the organisation of this edition!

Linguists' Day 2019 > end of May KULeuven, Campus Brussel

Linguists' Day 2020 > Université de Namur

d) LSB thematic conference

The last few years, we have not had a thematic conference. Proposal to have a bi-annual umbrella-conference with thematic panels. The organiser of this conference would provide infrastructure/logistics, with convenors (consisting of at least one researcher affiliated to a Belgian university and one international colleague) getting a lot of freedom to design their panels. If this becomes a fixture of the landscape of Belgian Linguistics, it will be easy to plan (international) meetings ahead with this in mind.

The first edition would be organised by Bert Cornillie at the KULeuven in the winter (Jan/Feb) of 2020.

We need to have a follow-up for 2022 ready to announce in at the 2020 edition.

Comments & suggestions welcome

3. Best Paper award

> 8 candidates

> prize: free membership & recognisiton

> we need to do more PR (start with a picture for out winner), list the winner (past winners?) on our website

4. Mailing list

We will investigate GDPR, make our policy more explicit and inform our members ASAP

5. CIPL membership

we will stay on as a member, as long as finances allow

6. Board members

Magali will step down, we need a new treasurer by linguists' day 2019. Candidates are welcome to contact the board

7. Any other business: /