SGL News and Reports

SGL Elections
The SGL elections were held via electronic ballot during December 2009 for posts beginning in calendar 2010 through calendar 2012. Sarah Fagan was reelected to her third term as SGL President. The Society is very grateful to Sarah for her ongoing dedicated service. Marc Pierce and Katerina Somers Wicka were elected to the Executive Committee. The Society thanks outgoing EC members Carlee Arnett and Elly van Gelderen for their service. (Neil Jacobs)

Journal of Germanic Linguistics
The *Journal of Germanic Linguistics* remains firmly on schedule. Issue 22.1 (March) should find its way to your mailboxes soon and is already available electronically at [http://journals.cambridge.org](http://journals.cambridge.org). Forthcoming contributions include: Verbal complex phenomena in West Central German: Empirical domain and multi-causal account (Shannon A. Dubenion-Smith); Co-compounds in Germanic (Laurie Bauer), Verba pura problems: Proto-forms with j, unexpected ĕ̌, (Leo A. Connolly); Sievers’ Law in Gothic: A response to Pierce (Charles M. Barrack); and The Texas German dialect archive: A multimedia resource for research, teaching, and outreach (Hans C. Boas et al.).

Please also keep an eye out for two special issues: *Dutch between English and German*, with guest editors Roel Vismans (University of Sheffield), Matthias Hünig (Freie Universität Berlin), and Fred Weerman (Universiteit van Amsterdham); and *Germanic Languages and Migration in North America*, with guest editor Kristine Horner (University of Leeds).

The editor of *JGL*, Robert Murray, presented an interim report on the state of the journal at FGLS-9 (Forum for Germanic Language Studies), Gregynog, Wales, January 8–9, 2010 and will present his annual report at GLAC-16 (Germanic Linguistics Annual Conference), Milwaukee, WI, April 30–May 2, 2010. (Robert Murray)

Update: GLAC 16
Planning for GLAC 16 is moving forward apace. The tentative conference schedule will soon be posted on the conference website: [http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/conferences/glac](http://www4.uwm.edu/letsci/conferences/glac)

Our invited speakers are Professor April McMahon, University of Edinburgh, who will present a paper entitled “To Germanic and Beyond: Phonetic comparison of accents and languages”, and Professor Robert Fulk from Indiana University, who will present “Phonological and morphological change in the development of Old English contracted verbs”.

The SGL Executive Committee will meet over lunch on Friday, April 30. A general meeting of the society is planned for Saturday afternoon, May 1. (Garry Davis)
A Loss for the SGL: Donald Steinmetz

It is with sorrow that we inform the membership of the death of our colleague, Donald Steinmetz, on December 28th, 2009. An obituary will appear in the Fall issue of the Newsletter.

Conference Report

Report on the meeting of the Discussion Group on Germanic Philology at the Modern Language Association Annual Meeting
by Tonya Kim Dewey

The Discussion Group on Germanic Philology met at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia on December 28th for an hour and fifteen minutes. The session was chaired by Tonya Kim Dewey (University of California, Berkeley) and consisted of three presentations: (1) “Interlingual Coincidences in Germanic Dialects” (Jeremy Bergerson, UC Berkeley); (2) “The Evolution of Basic Color Terms in Icelandic” (Jackson Crawford, University of Wisconsin–Madison); and (3) “Pressures on and of the Text: A Slippery Reading in the Nicodemus Tradition” (Valentine Pakis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities). After the question and answer session, a business meeting was held. Due to the change from a December meeting to a January meeting, the MLA will not hold a convention in 2010. Yuri Yerastov (University of Calgary) will be the discussion group’s chair at the 2011 MLA convention.

Summer School Report

3rd HiSoN summer school in Historical Sociolinguistics
by Anneleen Vanden Boer

From the 20th to the 27th of August, 2009, some 35 postgraduate students gathered in the University of Agder’s Study Centre at Metochi, Lesbos, Greece to attend the 3rd HiSoN summer school in Historical Sociolinguistics. In the divine and inspiring atmosphere of an ancient Lesbian monastery, 8 linguistic experts passed on their knowledge in classes about language contact, this year’s central topic. Peter Trudgill (Agder, Norway), Ernst Håkon Jahr (Agder, Norway), Jeroen Darquennes (Namur, Belgium), Laura Wright (Cambridge, UK), Nils Langer (Bristol, UK), Mark Janse (Gent, Belgium), Gro-Renee Rambø (Agder, Norway) and Wim Vandenbussche (VUB, Belgium) challenged the students with questions concerning historical sociolinguistics. Therefore they used case studies covering a broad area, going from the Russenorsk over the Germanic-Romance language border, up to Asia Minor Greek.

Standpunkt, gleich ob der eines Studienanfängers oder der des erfahrenen alten Hasen, in Betracht genommen wurde. Spät abends wurden bei einem Gläschen (oder so mancher Flasche) Ouzo trivialere oder strittigere Probleme der Sprachwissenschaft eifrig diskutiert.

Niet alleen de excellente kwaliteit van de docenten, het brede interesseveld van de verzamelde onderzoekers en de nadruk op interdisciplinariteit zijn troeven waarmee het jonge netwerk de aandacht trekt. De HiSoN Summer School is ook een ideale omgeving voor beginnende onderzoekers om een netwerk uit te bouwen. Door een week intensief samen te leven, verkleint de drempelvrees om naar een meer ervaren onderzoeker toe te stappen en van gedachten te wisselen. Niet zelden ontstaat op die manier een duurzaam contact of zelfs een intensieve samenwerking.

Although the exotic destination of the isle of Lesbos may be misleading, the HiSoN Summer School was hard work, too. Each day on average 6 hours of lessons were scheduled. Students who were eager to present their own research were able to do so during a special slot dedicated to their new projects and ongoing research, followed by a lively discussion under local olive trees.

Da zum gesunden Geist auch ein gesunder Körper gehört, wurde Baden im griechischen Mittelmeer zu einer täglichen Aktivität. Viele nutzten diese kostbare Zeit jedoch auch, um ein Nickerchen zu machen oder Freundschaften mit lesbischen Katzen, Kröten oder griechischen Daffy-Fassungen zu schließen. Am Sonntag gab es zur Abwechslung einen Ausflug, der am Strand endete, wo die berühmten lokalen frittierten Goldfische degustiert werden konnten.

For those who want to try the recipe at home, the HiSoN organization came up with a magnificent idea: every participant was given a bottle of authentic Greek olive oil, bottled in a unique HiSoN bottle with the message ‘fry fun for everyone, everywhere’!

Nun koennen wir es kaum erwarten, zur 4. HiSoN Summer School in Brugge, Belgien im August zu fahren!

**Upcoming Conferences and Workshops**

**12. Internationaler Germanistenkongress, Morphologie**

This workshop on morphology with the theme “Deutsche Morphologie im Kontrast” will be held in Warsaw from July 30 until August 7, 2010. Contact Horst Simon (horst.simon@kcl.ac.uk) or visit the conference website at [http://www.ivg.uw.edu.pl/](http://www.ivg.uw.edu.pl/) for more information.

**Sixth International LESLLA-Symposium**

The University of Cologne will host the LESLLA (Low Educated Second Language and Literacy Acquisition in Adults) Symposium from August 26 until August 28, 2010. The conference website can be found at [http://leslla.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/](http://leslla.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/)
**Workshop on Grammaticalization in German**

This workshop, to be held from September 19 until September 23, 2010, is part of the Deutscher Germanistentag 2010 in Freiburg. Its goal is to refine the existing approaches to grammaticalization, specifically as it applies to German. It will also deal with language contact and standardization on language change. For more information, visit the Deutscher Germanistentag website (http://www.germanistenverband.de/hochschule/tagungen/deutscher-germanistentag.php) or contact the organizer, Renata Szczepaniak (rszczepa@uni-mainz.de).

**DGfS-CNRS Summer School on Linguistic Typology**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft, the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, the University of Leipzig, and the Fédération Typologie et Universaux Linguistiques (CNRS, Paris) are co-organizing a three-week summer school in August and September 2010. The school is open to advanced (M.A. and Ph.D.) students in linguistics or related fields. For more information, contact the organizers at sslt@eva.mpg.de or visit the workshop’s website (http://www.eva.mpg.de/lingua/conference/2010_summerschool/).

**4th HiSoN Summer School in Historical Sociolinguistics**

in Bruges / Brugge, Belgium

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There are, as usual, 7 courses on offer, taught by leading lights in historical sociolinguistics, and covering exciting topics on a range of languages:

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Prof. Martin Durrell (Manchester)
Prof. Susan Fitzmaurice (Sheffield)
Prof. Terttu Nevalainen (Helsinki)
Prof. Anthony Lodge (St Andrews)
Prof. Wim vandenBussche (Brussel)
Prof. Hans van de Velde (Utrecht)

price: 350 Euros, to include accommodation, instruction, and an excursion. Students registering before May 1st, 2010, will receive a discount of 50 Euros. There are only 40 places, so you are urged to sign up soon.

For more details, see http://www.bris.ac.uk/german/hison/summerschool2010.
Book Notices

In this new section of the newsletter, we will include information about new books written or edited by SGL members.

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Message from the Editors

We are thankful for everyone’s assistance with the Newsletter. We hope that you will consider sharing information about newly published books with us for inclusion in our “Book Notices” section. Please also consider sending us news and other information that may prove valuable to Germanic linguists including, but not limited to, job postings, conference announcements, and departmental news. We would also like you to consider writing a short piece about your program for our “Program Profile” section or about a conference you attended for our “Conference Report” section. Please send your information to Mary O’Brien ([mgobrien@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mgobrien@ucalgary.ca)). The deadline for the next Newsletter is September 1, 2010.
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