
SGL Newsletter

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Reports and News

GLAC 2004

According to all reports, GLAC 10 in Ann Arbor (May 7-8) was a success; it was surely most fitting to return to the site of GLAC 1 on our tenth anniversary. At the same time, it was the occasion of a new initiative in the twinning of the conference with SHEL-3 (Studies in the History of the English Language), an experiment which will surely lead to other joint meetings in the future. The joint conference made for a very full and dense program, 28 papers scheduled for SHEL (which further included a Pedagogy workshop) and 43 for GLAC. Each conference had its own invited speaker, with Laurel Brinton from the University of British Columbia presenting an integrated model of lexicalization and grammaticalization at SHEL and Carol Pfaff from the Freie Universität Berlin speaking on the creation of mixed codes (Turkish/German) in a migrant community in Berlin at GLAC. Lesley Milroy from the University of Michigan was invited to speak at a plenary meeting for the combined group, her subject being the social dynamics of sound changes. Many congratulations and thanks to Robin Queen and Ann Curzan, for the successful organization of this complex event!

Diebold Prize

The winner of the Diebold Prize for 2004 is Carrie Jackson from the University of Wisconsin-Madison for her paper "The Sentence Level Processing of Case Markings and Word Order by Native and Non-Native Speakers of German". Congratulations!

Thanks go to Ulrike Demske, Jeannette Denton, and Barbara Fennell, who judged the seven papers submitted to the competition.

Election Results

There were two seats on the Executive Committee open for election in 2004. Tom Shannon of Berkeley was elected to one of these, and an equal number of votes was received for each of Mark Southern of Middlebury College and Rick Russom of Brown University. A run-off election for the second seat was held later in the spring, which was won by Mark Southern. A total of 48 votes was received for the run-off election.

Business Meeting of the SGL 2004

The business meeting of the SGL took place on May 8th in Ann Arbor. Secretary/Treasurer Rob Howell reported that the financial situation of the Society continued stable. Mark Loudon made his last report as Journal Editor, saying that quality of submissions remained high and their number adequate. Rob Howell also reported for the Bylaws Committee, presenting proposals for amendments which would clear up some problematic passages in the current bylaws (see item SGL Bylaws). It was announced that David Fertig has kindly agreed to take over the maintenance of the SGL website. Other items have been reported elsewhere in this Newsletter.

SGL Bylaws

As indicated in the previous item, some anomalies had been detected in the current bylaws and in the version available on the website. Amendments to the bylaws rectifying these were brought forth to the Executive Committee, and final versions presented at the Business Meeting. The changes, to Article I, Sections 1 and 2, were approved via a ballot distributed to the membership at the same time as the run-off election mentioned under Election Results. The amended version, together with corrections of errors in the website version, will soon be available on the SGL website.

Journal of Germanic Linguistics

2004 saw the changing of the editorship of the Journal of Germanic Linguistics, with Mark Loudon finishing his five-year term. Nominations were invited for the position of Editor for the next term, and Robert W. Murray of the University of Calgary was chosen. Robert Page of the University of Pennsylvania is the new Book Review Editor, replacing Sarah Fagan, who served in this function for many years. The first issue under the new editorship will soon be ready for publication.

Upcoming Meetings

GLAC 11 will take place at the University of California, Davis, April 22-23. Abstracts are due by January 15th, 2005, by electronic submission. Plenary lectures will be given by Richard Wiese of Marburg and Paul Kiparsky of Stanford. The organizers, Carlee Arnett and Wilbur Benware, invite you to consult their website at <http://linguistics.ucdavis.edu/glac11> for more details.

Venues for more distant GLACS have also been chosen, as follows:

2006: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2007: Pennsylvania State University

2008: University of Wisconsin, Madison

Upcoming Conferences

13th Annual Interdisciplinary German Studies Conference: Berkeley, March 13-14th 2005.
Theme: "Finding the Foreign". Linguistic topics welcome. Abstract deadline Dec. 17th, 2004.
For more information: email germanconf@lists.berkeley.edu.

Comparative German Syntax Workshop: Tilburg, 9-11 June. Abstract deadline: Feb. 1 2005. For more information: website at <http://let.uvt.nl/cgsw>.

Language History from Below: International Conference on Linguistic Variation in the Germanic Languages 1700-2000: Bristol, April 6-9th 2005. For more information: website at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/German/languagehistory.html>

ICHL including Workshop on Diachrony and Morphological Case: Madison, 31 July-5th August. Abstract deadlines: Nov. 15th for workshop, March 1st for main conference. For more information: website at http://csumc.wisc.edu/news_files/ichl.htm.

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