



**European Systemic Functional Linguistics Association
Annual General Assembly
Salamanca, Spain**

Minutes

The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m.

1. Apologies for absence: Maria Freddi
2. The minutes from the 2016 ESFLA AGM were reviewed, voted on and approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's report from Lise Fontaine:
 - a. See page 3 for bank account balance.
 - b. ESFLA now has a PayPal account to facilitate payments directly into the account.
 - c. We have agreed to offer £650 support to the 2017 Nottingham Workshop in honour of Margaret Berry.
 - d. Item for AGM consideration: ESFLA does not have a formal financial year. Lise proposed establishing a regular reporting cycle to give some regularity to the Treasurer's reports. A motion to establish June 1 – May 31st was proposed and voted in unanimously.
4. Fundraising: Currently a Paypal option for donating funds exists on the Geoff Thompson Young Scholar Bursary page of the ESFLA webpage. Discussion ensued about whether it would be better to have a general option for donating funds, and, if so, if would be possible to specify whether the donation is designated for the Bursary or for some other purpose. The question arose as well about whether ESFLA could have more than one Paypal account for donations (for example, one for the Bursary and one for general donations).

Action item: The Committee will look into the options available for donations using the Paypal account.
5. Geoff Thompson Young Scholar Bursary
 - a. The bursary will now be available to current PhD students (at the time of application) only, who must be sole author of the paper submitted in application for the bursary.
 - b. Applicants must submit the final abstract as it is to appear in the program.
 - c. Applications will be blind reviewed by members of the Committee.

- d. If enough donations are available, and/or if there is more than one strong candidate, more than one bursary of equal status may be awarded.

Action item: Mick O'Donnell will create a bursary application form.

6. Associate Treasurer position: The ESFLA Committee has appointed a secondary Treasurer role (Associate Treasurer, ex-officio, position currently filled by Sheena Gardner) as a precaution to protect ESFLA finances.
7. There were no vacancies this year on the ESFLA Committee. In 2018, all elected positions on the Committee will become available.
8. Follow-up report on the 26th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference, Salzburg Austria: Martin Kaltenbacher explained that there was a surplus from the 26th ESFLC. A forthcoming publication is in the editing stage. A good proof-reader is needed to help with the volume, and will be remunerated for the work done.
9. Report on the 27th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference, Salamanca, Spain: Izaskun Elorza reported that there were around 140 participants from 37 countries. The Spanish colloquium helped draw participants. The pre-conference workshops were well attended.
10. Future ESFLA meetings: In 2018: the 28th ESFLC will be held in Pavia, Italy, with Maria Freddi as convenor. Nick Moore has agreed to organize a conference either in 2019 or 2020. Lise Fontaine is also looking into the possibility of a joint conference with the Systemic Functional Linguistics Association of Tunisia (Syflat). Anke Schulz will explore the possibility of holding a conference at the University of Bremen.
11. Lise Fontaine and Anne McCabe presented information on the 28th European Systemic Functional Linguistics Conference, to be held in Pavia, Italy (presentation courtesy of Maria Freddi) on July 5, 6 and 7, 2018. The conference theme is Systemic Functional Linguistics on Language, Specialised Knowledge and Literacy. Donna Miller, University of Bologna, and Jim Donohue, Queen Mary University London, are confirmed as keynote speakers.
12. Given upcoming changes in ISFLA regional representation, a proposal was put forth that the European region have (at least) one representative, and that this representative should be the chair of ESFLA. If the chair is unable to attend the annual ISFLA meeting, he or she would nominate a replacement from the committee if possible and if not then from the membership. The proposal was voted in unanimously.
13. Other business:
 - a. Lise Fontaine announced the [Nottingham Workshop](#) in honour of Margaret Berry's 80th birthday, June 25 and 26, 2018.
 - b. Stella Neumann announced the [5th LinC-Summer School and Workshop](#) on SFL and Register & Context, September 3-7, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

ESFLA TREASURER'S REPORT 2016-17

Summary of the ESFLA account with the Co-operative Bank

Date	Description	Paid in	Paid out	Balance
		GBP	GBP	GBP
7 July 2016	Carried forward from last report			2002.44
20 July 2016	Donations from Salzburg	154.28		
5 Sept 2016	Equinox Contribution to the Geoff Thompson Wine and Cheese Reception	300.00		
30 Sept 2016	Surplus from Salzburg	848.00		
23 Jan 2017	PayPal set up	0.01		
30 June 2017	Closing balance			3304.73

Lise Fontaine, ESFLA Treasurer. 06.06.17