

# EUROPEAN SYSTEMIC FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vigo, Spain, June 16, 2023

### MINUTES

The meeting opened at 16.30 with the following agenda:

1. Minutes for the 2022 AGM
2. Information
3. Change of ESFLA Committee positions
4. Treasurer's report
5. Brief report on the ESFLC2023
6. Future conferences
7. AOB

#### **1. Minutes for the 2022 AGM**

The minutes were approved

#### **2. Information**

David Banks informed about the French Association of Systemic Functional Linguistics, which is going to carry out an introduction to SFL for PhD students and is preparing a Special Issue of Linguistics and the Human Sciences with selected papers from the conference in Paris.

The Chair informed about the Geoff Thompson bursary, which implies a waiver of conference registration fees and gala dinner for the recipient of the bursary. The recipient of the bursary for this year has been Anastasiia Piroh, a PhD student of English Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen, in Germany.

#### **3. Change of ESFLA Committee positions**

The Association Chair informs that Alexandra Holsting, chair of the previous ESFLC in Denmark will no longer be an ex-officio member of the ESFLA Committee. Her position, as past Conference Chair, will be occupied by Ana Elina Martinez-Insua, the present Conference Chair, soon after 32ESFLC. Claudia Stoian, chair of ESFLC33, in Timisoara, Romania will be the new ex-officio member of the Committee.

Sheena Gardner is no longer Assistant Treasurer, UK, of the association. Gail Forey has accepted to be the new Assistant Treasurer, UK.

#### **4. Treasurer's report**

The treasurer informed that there has not been much movement to report on. The Report of accounts in Annex 1 was shown and approved.

Finally, the Assembly was informed that the Committee has decided to donate around 15% of the ESFLA savings (£700) to the Halliday and Hasan archive project.

#### **5. Brief report of the ESFLC2023**

The Chair of ESFLC 2023, Ana Elina Martinez-Insua, reported on the Conference, informed that the reason for the chosen venue for the conference not to be on campus was due to the fact that the campus is far from the city centre, and presented the following figures:

# ABSTRACTS RECEIVED	102
# PRESENTATIONS IN THE PROGRAMME	3 plenaries + 1 symposium (4 papers) + 63 papers
# PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED	82
COUNTRIES - NATIONALITIES	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Italia, Mexico, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, The United Kingdom, South Africa, Spain, Sweden & Taiwan

The Conference received funding & support from the following institutions:

- LVTC Research Group (Language Variation and Textual Categorisation)
- Department of English, French and German Philology
- Advanced English Studies PhD Program
- Social Council of University of Vigo
- Vigo City Council
- Baiona City Council

## 6. Future conferences

33ESFLC will take place in Timisoara, Romania, on 10, 11, 12 July, 2024. A video was shown with the 2024 conference chair, Claudia Stoian presenting the conference and the city.

The following year, 2025, there will be no European Conference as the International Systemic Functional Congress (ISFC) will take place in Glasgow. For 2026, there is a note of interest expressed by Ben Clarke, from Gothenburg University, Sweden.

## 7. AOB

David Banks stated that only three applications were received for the Geoff Thompson bursary this year. It would be desirable to disseminate the call, so that more applications may be received for future conferences.

The AGM was adjourned at 17.05

## ANNEX 1

### ESFLA TREASURER'S REPORT 2022-2023

Summary of ESFLA Accounts

Cooperative Bank Accounts

\*Current Account

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Paid in</b>	<b>Paid out</b>	<b>Balance</b>
17 May 2022	Balance brought forward from last year			5,185.58 GBP
24 March 2023	Contribution for organisers of ESFLA 2022		92.06 GBP (€100)	5,093.52 GBP
3 April 2023	Balance from closed PayPal account	76.99 GBP		5,170.51 GBP

\*Savings Account Balance = £0.00 (Corporate Instant Deposit)

This account has a Debit interest rate of 0% and a Credit interest rate of 1.28%.

\*Other possibility for collecting donations for Halliday-Hasan Archive project:

- Business Select Instant Access account with an interest rate of 1.34% \*gross / \*\*AER variable. Interest is calculated daily and will be paid into your account on 5 April and 5 October. Where these dates fall on a non-Business Day^^, interest will be paid on the preceding Business Day^^.

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\*PayPal account was closed.