

Newsletter June, 2014

June marks the point when we are half way through the year! Also, June is the start of the rainy season in Japan. We hope you survive the endless rainy days until summer comes! The newsletter gives you a brief summary of the 2014 annual conference, including the issues agreed upon at the 2014 general meeting, announces the J-SLA Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation, and provides you information on *Second Language*, Summer Seminar 2014 and Autumn Research Forum 2014.

(1) The 14th Annual Conference of the Japan Second Language Association

The annual conference was held at Kwansei Gakuin University on May 31st and June 1st. We are very pleased that 141 people in total participated in the conference this year. As for plenary talks, we had Dr. Claudia Felser (University of Potsdam, Germany) and Dr. Harald Clahsen (University of Potsdam, Germany). Their talks were very inspiring! We hope you all enjoyed the talks, oral presentations, and poster presentations, which hopefully stimulated your own research interests.

(2) J-SLA Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation

The three referees appointed by the President have designated the following presentation as recipient of the J-SLA 2014 Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation:

Nakamura, Chie, Arai, Manabu, Harada, Yasunari & Hirose, Yuki

『L2 learners' use of verb subcategorization information in processing filler-gap dependencies』

The award ceremony will be held at the Autumn Research Forum 2014 this October.

(3) The issues agreed upon at the 2014 General Meeting

1. The statement of accounts for 2013 and the budget for 2014 both passed.
2. The new officers for the term of 2015-2017

President: Shigenori Wakabayashi (Chuo University)

Vice president: Shunji Inagaki (Nagoya University)

Secretariat: Miki Shibata (Hiroshima University)

3. PacSLRF 2016 will be held at Chuo University. Details will appear on the J-SLA homepage.
4. We have General Meetings twice a year: one at the annual conference and the other at the Autumn Research Forum.

(4) *Second Language Vol. 13 & Vol. 14*

Second Language, Vol. 13 is forthcoming and will be issued at the end of September. We invite manuscripts on empirical and theoretical research for *Vol. 14*. Please submit your manuscript as an attachment via e-mail. All submissions must conform to our guidelines for contributors (available online).

(5) Summer Seminar 2014

Date: August 28th (Thus) – 30th (Sat)

Place: Kusatsu Seminar House, Gunma

Deadline: July 20th (Mon)

*We can accommodate a fixed number of participants: we will not accept more than 30 registrants this year. Please note that once the number of participants reaches 30, registration will close immediately, even before the deadline.

- We now accept oral presentations on research including work-in-progress. We strongly encourage both undergraduate and graduate students who have been working on their theses to present their work. This would be a great opportunity to receive useful comments from other participants.
- All details including fees should appear on our website (<http://www.j-sla.org/index.html>) soon.
- Registration for the Summer Seminar is now open. Please visit the website for further details.
- All those who wish to register for the Summer Seminar must apply online.

(6) Autumn Research Forum

Place: Kwansei Gakuin University • Umeda campus, Room 1004 (10th floor)

[NB: This is a different campus from where the J-SLA 2014 annual conference was held]

Date: October 19 (Sun)

Registration 9:30 ~

Lecture 1 (10:30-12:00) Professor Ayumi Matsuo (Kobe College)

Lecture 2 (13:30-15:00) Professor Kiyomi Kusumoto (Kwansei Gakuin University)

Lecture 3 (15:15-16:45) Professor Hideki Kishimoto (Kobe University)

Fee : 1,000 yen for both members and non-members

*No pre-registration is required.