

November June, 2016

The best time to see autumn-colored leaves is passing us by quickly and many of them are already on the ground, which reminds us that winter season is approaching! I hope this letter finds you all well. The November newsletter gives you brief summaries of the PacSLRF 2016, the general meeting, and the progress of *Second Language*, as well as call for papers for the conference proceedings.

Report (1) Summary of PacSLRF2016

PacSLRF 2016 (the 2016 Pacific Second Language Research Forum) hosted by J-SLA ended in success. It was held from the 9th to the 11th of September, at Chuo University, Tokyo. We had 331 participants not only from Japan but also overseas.

Four well-known SLA scholars gave keynote speeches:

Prof. Alan Juffs (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
Prof. Makiko Hirakawa (Chuo University, Japan)
Prof. Ianthi Maria Tsimpli (University of Cambridge, UK)
Prof. Michael Harrington (Queensland University, Australia)

A series of student workshops, symposia, oral presentations, and poster presentations gave us further opportunities to learn new perspectives and deepen our knowledge of SLA during the conference. The reception was hosted by the university president. Both the reception and the conference dinner were fantastic chances to meet new people and get to know each other in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

Report (2): Minutes of the 2nd 2016 General Meeting

Issues agreed upon at the meeting

- a. The statement of accounts for 2015 was finalized.
The one reported at the 1st general meeting, yet some inappropriate numbers were pointed out. Then, the revised statement, with corrections, was reported.
- b. The audit report: the statement of accounts for 2015 was carefully inspected and approved.
- c. Events in 2017 (More information will appear on the J-SLA homepage.)
 - 2017 J-SLA annual conference
Date: June 3rd & 4th
Place: Shizuoka University of Art and Culture
Invited speaker: Professor Holger Hopp

- Autumn Research Forum 2017
Date: Sunday, 29th October
Place: Tokyo Metropolitan University
Invited speakers: Under consideration

Report (3): Progress of *Second Language*

Koji Suda, the chair of the editorial committee, reported that the latest issue Vol. 15 had been sent to the members. The deadline for Vol. 16 is at the end of December. Submissions are welcome!

Announcement: Call for papers for PacSLRF 2016 proceedings

We are pleased to announce that a Conference Proceedings will be published following PacSLRF 2016. All submissions have been subjected to blind peer review, and those papers selected for oral presentations and colloquia are eligible for inclusion in the Proceedings. We would like to encourage as many authors as possible to complete written reports of their research. Please visit the <http://www.j-sla.org/pacslrf/proceedings/> for details and contact pacslrf@j-sla.org for inquiries regarding the proceedings.

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