

Newsletter: August, 2015

In Japan, *Obon* normally takes place around the 15th of August, which is the time of year for the souls of ancestors to return home, according to Buddhism tradition. Then, we start to feel that the summer is slowly coming to an end, despite the persistent heat and humidity. We have had a really hot summer here in Japan this year. I hope you all enjoy or have enjoyed a great summer break. Some of you may need to get ready for a new term. The August newsletter gives you a brief summary of the Summer Seminar, updated information for PacSLRF 2016 and a request from the J-SLA secretariat.

1. Summary of Summer Seminar 2015:

The summer seminar was held at the Seminar House in Hachioji, Tokyo from the 17th to 18th of August. A total of 34 participants enjoyed a two-night, three-day stay pursuing academic interests (11 oral presentations and 3 poster presentations as well as one workshop on a series of classical studies that we as SLA researchers should be familiar with, and one tutorial on how to write an abstract for professional journals). Besides academic events, the participants across from all over Japan, including university faculty and students, had fun during the reception held on the second night. The program of the seminar is now available online (Sorry, but it is available only in Japanese). Please be aware that no summer seminar will be held in 2016.

2. PacSLRF 2016

- (1) A list of the PacSLRF steering committee members is now available online:
<http://www.j-sla.org/pacslrf/committee/>
 - (2) Prof. Ianthi Maria Tsimpli is now affiliated with the University of Cambridge, UK. This information has already been updated online.
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3. Request from the J-SLA secretariat

You can find a list of J-SLA current members in Part III of *Second Language*. We update information, in particular regarding affiliations, as soon as we are informed, otherwise it remains unchanged in the latest issue unless you are a new member. We would gratefully appreciate it if you can let us know of any changes, at your earliest convenience, to avoid unnecessary misunderstanding.

You can fill out a form available online (<http://www.j-sla.org/inquiry/>) and just click “send.”

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