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The rainy season is upon us in Japan. Such rainy days may seem endless, yet we need only be patient until summer comes. The newsletter gives you a brief summary of the Early Summer Research Forum 2016, a summary of the first 2016 general meeting, and a friendly reminder about PacSLRF 2016.

Report (1) Summary of the Early Summer Research Forum 2016

The forum was held at Kyoto Women's University on the June 19th. A total of 34 participants enjoyed three lectures and the first lecture was by Dr. Shinichiro Ishikawa from Kobe University, entitled "Learner Corpus and SLA research: Aiming at visualization of L2 performance." He introduced us to what motivated him to create a learner corpus, what we can and cannot do with it at present and what future research we should do as well as his own project. Then, the first 2016 general meeting followed lunch.

In the afternoon, Dr. Miki Shibata from Hiroshima University gave a lecture entitled "Revisit of non-native speaker English from SLA (second language acquisition), ELT (English language teaching) and ELF (English as a lingua franca) perspectives." Focusing on the relationship of L2 learners and society, Dr. Shibata brought up the issues of identity, language attitude, and diversity of the English language in the era of globalization, suggesting pedagogical implications. The third lecture, by Dr. Shiro Ojima from Shiga University, introduced the artificial-grammar learning paradigm. The strength of this paradigm was exemplified by a variety of studies comparing adults and children, adults and infants, humans and monkeys, and explicit and implicit learning.

Report (3) Minutes of the first 2016 general meeting

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Koji Suda, chair of the editorial committee, reported that one research article had been selected as a result of the external review.

2. Issues agreed upon at the 2016 General Meeting

- a. The statement of accounts for 2016 was reported as tentative, and it will be finalized at the second general meeting, to be held during PacSLRF 2016.
- b. The budget for 2016 passed.
- c. The term of committee members: the terms of president, vice president, and members are for two years. As for the vice president, no objection should be raised to his/her appointment, and the appointment is limited to two terms.
- d. Events in 2017
 - 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: October 15th or 22nd (under consideration)

Place: Tokyo Metropolitan University

【Friendly reminder】

1. Student membership is limited to undergraduate and graduate students who can provide us with a copy of an official document proving their official status as a student, such as a student ID and/or a certificate of school attendance issued from the administration office. All applicants are required to submit a copy of an official document to be eligible for student membership.
2. The participant fee for PacSLRF 2016 does include the J-SLA annual membership for year 2016. So no payment is necessary for those who have already paid for the conference.
3. An early bird registration for PacSLRF 2016 will be closed as of June 30th, and the online registration will end on August 20th.

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