

Newsletter June, 2017

June marks the point when we are half way through the year! Also, June is 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 2017 annual conference, the winner of the J-SLA Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation, issues agreed upon at the 2017 general meeting, information about the journal *Second Language*, and the Autumn Research Forum 2017.

1. The 2017 Annual Conference of the Japan Second Language Association

The annual conference was held at Shizuoka University of Art and Culture on June 3rd & 4th. A total of 109 participants attended the conference this year. As for the plenary talk, we were delighted to welcome Dr. Holger Hopp (Professor of English Linguistics, University of Braunschweig, Germany) whose talk entitled “The Bilingual Lexicon in L2 Sentence Processing” was very inspiring! A series of student workshops, oral presentations, and poster presentations gave us further opportunities to deepen our knowledge of SLA. The conference dinner was a fantastic chance to meet new people and get to know each other in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. We hope you all enjoyed the talk, oral presentations, and poster presentations.

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 2017 Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation:

Woods, Haruka (The Australian National University)

Syntax-discourse Interface in L2 Acquisition: Case of Japanese *wa* and *ga*

The award ceremony will be held at the J-SLA 2018 Annual Conference.

3. Issues agreed upon at the 2017 General Meeting

- (1) The statement of accounts for 2016 and the budget for 2017 both passed.
- (2) Events in 2018
 - ① The 2018 Annual Conference
Date : June 9th and 10th
Place : Gakushuin University
 - ② Autumn Research Forum 2018
Date : October 21st or 28th
Place : Doshisha University
- (3) New J-SLA president
Shunji Inagaki, currently vice-president, was elected president.

Note. The next general meeting has been scheduled to meet during the Autumn Research Forum 2017.

4. Submission to *Second Language* Vol. 17

We invite manuscripts on empirical and theoretical research for *Vol. 17*. The journal *Second Language* is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication. Please submit your manuscript as an attachment via e-mail by the end of September, 2017. In particular, presenters at the annual conference are encouraged to submit their manuscript. All submissions must conform to our guidelines for contributors (available online).

5. Autumn Research Forum 2017

Place: Tokyo Metropolitan University (Minami-Osawa Campus)

* Please access <https://www.tmu.ac.jp/english/university/access.html> regarding how to get there.

Date: October 29 (Sun)

10:00 ~	Registration
10:30-12:00	Dr. Koji Suda (University of Shizuoka)
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-13:40	General meeting
13:45-15:15	Dr. Takafumi Shimizu (Sophia University)
15:30-17:00	Dr. Isao Iori (Hitotsubashi University)

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

*No pre-registration is required.

*Please note that all lectures are presented in Japanese.

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