

Newsletter June, 2015

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 2015 annual conference, issues agreed upon at the 2015 general meeting, the winner of the J-SLA Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation, and information about the journal *Second Language*, Summer Seminar 2015, the Autumn Research Forum 2015, and PacSLRF 2016.

(1) The 15th Annual Conference of the Japan Second Language Association

The annual conference was held at Hiroshima University on June 6th & 7th. A total of 91 participated in the conference this year. As for the plenary talk, we had Dr. Donna Lardiere. She gave a talk entitled “Missing the trees for the forest? A discussion of ultimate attainment in adult SLA,” which was very inspiring! 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 2015 Award for Outstanding Oral Presentation:

Yohei Hirano (Hiroshima University)

“Influential factors on acceptability of English resultative constructions for Japanese learners of English”

The award ceremony will be held at the Autumn Research Forum 2015 this October.

(3) Issues agreed upon at the 2015 General Meeting

1. Qualification for student members

Current Article 4: Not only undergraduate and graduate students but also part time employees are qualified as a student member.

Our proposal: Student membership limits to undergraduate and graduate students who can provide us a copy of an official document which can prove their official status as a student, such as a student ID and a certificate of school attendance issued from the administration office.

The bill was approved, so from April, 2016 all applicants are required to submit a copy of an official document to be eligible for student membership.

2. The statement of accounts for 2014 and the budget for 2015 both passed.

3. Committee members

Declining: Natsuko Tatsuta

New committee member: Kazumi Yamada (from 2016)

(4) *Second Language Vol. 14 & Vol. 15*

Second Language, Vol. 14 is forthcoming and will be issued at the end of December. We invite manuscripts on empirical and theoretical research for *Vol. 15*. Please submit your manuscript as an attachment via e-mail by the end of September, 2015. All submissions must conform to our guidelines for contributors (available online).

(5) Summer Seminar 2015

Date: August 17th (Mon) – 19th (Wed)

Place: Hachioji Seminar House

Deadline: July 26th (Sun)

*We can accommodate a fixed number of participants: we will not accept more than 40 registrants this year. Please note that once the number of participants reaches 40, 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.
- Please visit the website <http://www.j-sla.org/event/15seminar/> for details including fees.
- Registration for the Summer Seminar is now available online:
<http://www.j-sla.org/event/15seminar/>..
- All those who wish to register for the Summer Seminar must apply online.

(6) Autumn Research Forum 2015

Place: Meijo University MSAT (Mei-Eki Satellite Office)

(13th Floor, KDX Nagoya Ekimae Building, 3-26-8, Meieki, Nakamura, Nagoya)

Date: October 25 (Sun)

10:00 ~ Registration

10:30-12:00 Professor Kuniyoshi Kataoka (Aichi University)

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:40 General meeting

13:45-15:15 Professor Yukiko Hatasa (Hiroshima University)

15:30-17:00 Senior Lecturer Danijela Trenkic (University of York)

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

*No pre-registration is required.

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(7) PacSLRF 2016

Place: Chuo University

Date: September 9th (Fri) • 10th (Sat) • 11th (Sun), 2016

(Please see <http://www.j-sla.org/pacslrf/> for details.)

- Both Summer Seminar 2016 and Autumn Research Forum 2016 are not taking place; Spring Research Forum 2016 will be held at Kyoto Women's University on June 5th.
- You will receive a PacSLRF 2016 poster soon.