



Integrating Content and Language in Higher Education

Annual Report 2018

Annual Report of the Board to the ICLHE Association

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The Board is happy to present its second annual report to the members of the ICLHE Association at its annual AGM. The report covers the financial year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in line with ICLHE's Articles of Association. This AGM takes place during an ICLHE Symposium, the first of its kind held jointly with the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) and its Multilingual Unit.



The major event of the past year was undoubtedly the Conference last October, that was excellently hosted by the University of Copenhagen. The conference attracted 124 participants, and we enjoyed a wide selection of presentations, workshops and posters. This conference was the first since the legal registration of the Association, and all paying participants became members of the Association by virtue of a small contribution fee included in the Conference fee. This meant that in the end the Association had 120 members in 2017. On behalf of the Association, the Board would like to warmly thank Joyce Kling and Slobodanka Dimova and the Copenhagen team on a highly successful conference.



At the first AGM in Copenhagen the members decided that the membership year should run from 1 January to 31 December.¹ Almost 80 people either renewed their membership or joined after January 1, 2018, for the membership year 2018. (See report of the Membership Secretary Kevin Haines.) This exceeds the expectations of the Board.

The past year might be termed a year of consolidation. The Financial Report shows a considerable positive change from last year, not merely due to the income from the Copenhagen Conference but also due to the number of members. As the Treasurer Ute Smit mentioned at last year's AGM, one goal of the current year was to build up reserves to ensure ICLHE's continuity. The Board will continue with this prudent policy. In addition, the Board had outlined a number of activities for the past year, and so far they have not cost the sums expected.

Among the targets for the year 2017-2018, we aimed to establish at least one special interest group or regional group. Samantha Curle set up the PhD SIG soon after the Copenhagen Conference (see report on PhD SIG), which has attracted many of our PhD members. Three PhD students will report on their research during the present Symposium, whose participation here has been partly funded by awards from ICLHE. The work of our young researchers demonstrates the vitality of the ICLHE research field. We congratulate Samantha and Miya Komori-Glatz on their successful defence of their PhD theses since the last AGM.

The Board hopes to bring together members with similar interests and so stimulate the creation of SIGs. The same applies to regional groups. Regional SIGs have been under discussion in different parts of the world.



The ICLHE website was upgraded during the year so that a private Member Zone could be created. The intention here is that members can share articles, studies, projects, calls for partners, and other information. SIGs and regional groups can have their own space here. In this way ICLHE becomes a living organism throughout the year. Jenny Valcke, website manager, will formally present the Member Zone at this AGM.

A key activity of the year was to create a Newsletter. Starting with issue 1 in December 2017, the editor Inma Fortanet-Gómez brought out four issues during the reporting year, with a fifth one following the present Symposium. The aim of the Newsletter is to provide brief information about ICLHE activities, information about members, as well as brief news about other events and conferences. The Newsletter also started a series introducing junior researchers. The Newsletter will be published five times a year around the beginning of February, April, June, October and December.

ICLHE conferences have regularly been followed by a peer-reviewed publication of selected papers. The cost of these publications has been taken from conference revenue, but this has unfortunately proved increasingly costly. At the 2017 Conference, a different procedure was adopted, whereby the organizers submitted a proposal for an edited book to a series editor at a publisher (Springer). The

¹ Note that the financial year differs from the membership year, due to the legal obligation to hold the AGM within six months of the end of the financial year. Since conferences are scheduled for the autumn, with the AGM as part of these, it made sense to adopt a somewhat unconventional financial year.

organizers invited chosen contributors to write chapters specifically for the book. All the contributors were speakers at the 2017 Conference.

The Board are also aware of other similar ventures with other publishers. Moreover, the Board is actively working on a proposal for a Journal Special Issue for 2020.

The Board have discussed the possibility of establishing an ICLHE Journal. The content areas that would be covered by such a journal are growing rapidly with many established journals publishing special issues devoted to such matters as multilingual content learning, English-medium instruction, and internationalization. Academic publishers have also been bringing out an increasing number of edited collections, especially in EMI. The Board will keep the question of its own Journal under review.

It would be valuable to establish a database listing the publications by ICLHE members. While many members will already be aware of what fellow members have published or are in the process of publishing, a comprehensive database would be a valuable promotional tool for both ICLHE and its members, demonstrating the value of being a member.

In line with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which came into force on 25 May 2018, the Board invited all members to agree with the Privacy Statement published on the ICLHE website. The Board takes privacy very seriously and will ensure that private data is not disseminated to unauthorized parties. The Board would like to remind members to ensure that their research also complies with the GDPR.



And so to the coming reporting year. The Board is delighted that this AGM takes place in the context of an exciting Symposium organized jointly with UPF. This symposium on Plurality and Singularity includes eight papers from researchers covering both European and Asian contexts. We hope this will be the first in a series of short symposia organized together with a local host. We look forward to a further Symposium and AGM in 2020.

Much work during the next year will focused on the 6th ICLHE Conference in Castellón, Spain. Planning is well under way, ably guided by the Conference Organizer, Inma Fortanet-Gómez, and her team. The Board look forward with great interest to the response to the Call for Papers which will be announced shortly. The Conference is of course also the venue for the 3rd AGM of the Association next year. It is important to note that the AGM in 2019 will be the occasion for elections to the Board. We will publish details of the election procedure and the submission of your candidatures on the ICLHE website as well as directly to the members.



During the year we will also invite members and their institutions to submit proposals for hosting both the 2020 AGM and Symposium and the 7th ICLHE Conference in 2021.

Meanwhile we look forward to receiving proposals for activities which may require ICLHE funding. The Board also plans to continue the policy of supporting young researchers to attend ICLHE events.

As is common in academia, the Board members are volunteers. They are busy people, most of whom have demanding full-time jobs. This is why some intentions take longer to realize than might be wished. To help, Patrick Studer has been able to engage an assistant Sulejmani Dzevaire (Jevi) to help especially with the website and membership registration. The Board is extremely grateful. ICLHE members are therefore also invited to offer to assist Board members and to undertake new tasks and activities where this is beyond the time the members of the Board have available.

On behalf of the Board of the ICLHE Association,

Robert Wilkinson, Chair

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