

CIPL

Annual Report

2019

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Introduction

It is with great pleasure to present the Annual Report 2019. A lot of work has been done in the last year, and many activities have been scheduled.

After the ICL20 conference in Cape Town, the new Secretary-General and her team set to work. The newly elected Executive Committee had a meeting in Leiden on April 9th 2019 and discussed the future activities of CIPL. New policies and new strategies were developed, including a newsletter, travel grants and new activities in relation to the Linguistic Bibliography.

The LB online is growing with a substantial number of new records, and the project on retro-digitization of early volumes of the LB was launched.

Our cooperation with CIPSH resulted in the creation of a new chair on Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World.

2019 was the year of indigenous languages, and CIPL participated in the official opening ceremony in Paris. The workshop in Moscow, organized by CIPL and the Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences was also devoted to indigenous languages.

Executive Committee

Prof David Bradley, **President** (Australia)

Prof Ik-Hwan Lee, **Vice-President** (Korea)

Prof Frieda Steurs, **Secretary General** (Belgium/The Netherlands)

Prof Dermeval da Hora, **member** (Brazil)

Prof Raj Mesthrie, **member** (South Africa)

Prof Fritz Newmeyer, **member** (Canada)

Prof Victoria Rau, **member** (Taiwan)

Prof Eno-Abasi Urua, **member** (Nigeria)

Prof Camiel Hamans: **Associate Secretary-General**

Prof Piet van Sterkenburg: **Honorary Secretary-General**

Prof Reinier Salverda: **Special delegate for the UNESCO Atlas of the World's
Languages in Danger**

For email addresses etc. check CIPL's website: <http://www.ciplnet.com/addresses-executive-committee>

● Meeting Executive Committee

On April 9th 2019 the members of the Executive Committee met in Leiden at the Dutch Language Institute, the institute of Prof Steurs. Most important issues on the agenda were: CIL21, CIPSH Chair Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity, Linguistic Bibliography, newsletter and travel grants. All these subjects will be discussed in this report.

General Assembly

AUSTRALIA	» <i>The Australian Linguistic Society</i> : Prof David Bradley
AUSTRIA	» <i>Wiener Sprachgesellschaft</i> : Prof Bernhard Hurch
BELGIUM	» <i>The Linguistic Society of Belgium</i> : Prof Timothy Coleman » <i>International Pragmatics Association (IPrA)</i> : Prof Jef Verschueren » <i>The Historical Sociolinguistics Network (HiSoN)</i> : Prof Wim Vandebussche
BRAZIL	» <i>The Brazilian Association of Linguistics (ABRALIN)</i> : Prof Miguel Oliveira, Jr » <i>The Latin American Association for Linguistics and Philology</i> : Prof Dermeval da Hora
CANADA	» <i>The Canadian Linguistic Association</i> : Prof Fritz Newmeyer
CZECH REPUBLIC	» <i>Charles University MFF</i> : Prof Eva Hajicova
FINLAND	» <i>The Linguistic Association of Finland</i> : Prof Marja-Liisa Helasvuo
FRANCE	» <i>Société de linguistique de Paris</i> : Prof Alain Lemaréchal » <i>Société d'histoire et d'épistémologie des sciences du langage</i> : Prof Camiel Hamans
GEORGIA	» <i>Giorgi Akhvediani Society for the History of Linguistics</i> : Prof Tinatin Bolkvadze
GERMANY	» <i>Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen</i> : Prof Nikolaus Himmelmann » <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Sprachwissenschaft</i> : Prof Irene Rapp
HUNGARY	» <i>Research Inst for Linguistics/Hungarian Academy of Sciences</i> : Prof Istvan Kenesei
IRELAND	» <i>The School of Celtic Studies of the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies</i> : Prof Liam Breatnach
ISRAEL	» <i>Societatis Linguisticae Europaeae Sodalicium Israelense</i> : Prof Ariel Cohen
ITALY	» <i>Società Italiana di Glottologia, Società di Linguistica Italiana & Accademia della Crusca</i> : Prof Giuliano Bernini
JAPAN	» <i>Linguistic Society of Japan</i> : Prof Shigeki Kaji
KOREA	» <i>Linguistic Society of Korea</i> : Prof Ik-Hwan Lee
LATVIA	» <i>Latvian Language Institute</i> : Dr Agris Timuska
LITHUANIA	» <i>The Lithuanian Academy of Sciences</i> : Prof Bonifacas Stundzia

- NETHERLANDS** » *Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics*: Prof Pieter Seuren
 » *Frisian Academy*: Prof Reinier Salverda
 » *Societas Linguistica Europaea*: Prof Camiel Hamans
 » *Algemene Vereniging voor Taalwetenschap*: Dr Jenneke van der Wal
 » *The Dutch Language Institute*: Prof Frieda Steurs
- NIGERIA** » *Linguistic Association of Nigeria*: Prof Eno-Abasi Urua
- NORWAY** » *Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters*: Prof John Ole Askedal
- POLAND** » *Polish Academy of Sciences*: Prof Elzbieta Manczak-Wohlfeld
- PORTUGAL** » *Center for the Studies in Letters*: Prof Gonçalo Fernandes
 » *Portuguese Linguistic Association*: Prof Ana Maria Brito
- ROMANIA** » *Institut de Linguistică, Academia Română*:
- RUSSIAN FEDERATION**
 » *Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences*:
 Prof Andrej Kibrik
- SERBIA** » *The Applied Linguistics Association of Serbia*: Prof Vesna Polovina
- SOUTH AFRICA** » *Linguistic Society of South Africa*: Prof Mark de Vos
- SPAIN** » *Sociedad Española de lingüística*: Prof Manuel Leonetti
 » *Royal Academy for the Basque Language – Euskaltzaindia* -:
 Prof Andrés Urrutia Badiola
- SWITZERLAND** » *The Swiss Linguistics Society*: Prof Jacques Moeschler
- TAIWAN** » *Linguistic Society of Taiwan*: Prof D. Victoria Rau
- TURKEY** » *Turkish Linguistics Association*: Prof Deniz Zeyrek Bozşahin
- UKRAINE** » *O. O. Potebnya Institute of Linguistics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*: Dr Serhiy Yermolenko
- UNITED KINGDOM**
 » *The Philological Society and the Linguistics Society of Great Britain*:
 Prof Aditi Lahiri
 » *International Society for Historical Linguistics (ICHL)*: Mr John Charles Smith
 » *The International Congress of Celtic Studies*:
- USA** » *Linguistic Society of America*: Prof. Kai von Fintel

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Members

All organisations and institutions whose main aim includes the promotion of linguistic science and the stimulation/advancement of co-operation among linguists, may become members.

An organisation or institution may join CIPL by applying to the Executive Committee (through the Secretary-General). The organisation/institution has to appoint a delegate in CIPL's General Assembly who meets every five years during the ICL.

In 2019 efforts have also been made to increase the number of members and to reactivate the membership of old members. The Historical Sociolinguistics Network and The Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences joined CIPL in 2019.

Linguistic Bibliography and Linguistic Bibliography Online

Linguistic Bibliography Yearbook for 2018

The LB print volume for the year 2018 was published on schedule in September 2019. The volume contains 22,195 entries, the largest number to date. As the maximum number of pages had been reached (including front matter and indexes) that a single linen-bound volume is physically able to hold, Brill will not increase the number of entries in future volumes. Any overflow will, as usual, be published in the online version.

Linguistic Bibliography Yearbook for 2019

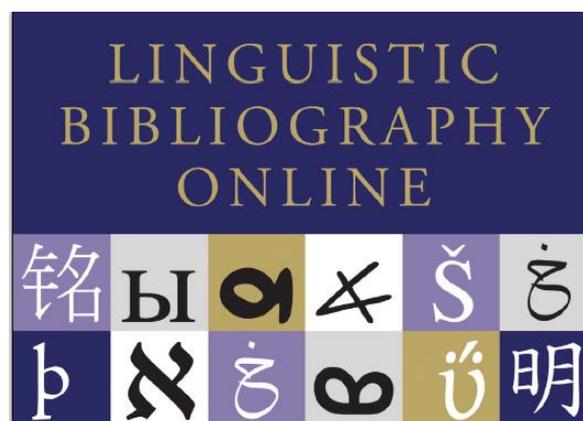
Bibliographical data entry for the 2019 yearbook took off after the 2018 yearbook was sent to press. The 2019 yearbook is expected to appear in September 2020.

Linguistic Bibliography Online (LBO)

In 2019, the online database saw an increase of 20,930 bibliographical records. Over the year, 51 journals were added to the list of periodicals covered by the LB.

A total of 200 new language keywords were implemented in the database. This year, a new type of keywords was added for the various recensions of New Church Slavonic as used in various Slavic-speaking countries.

A total of 176 new subject keywords were implemented in the database. As of 2019, the system includes geographical keywords which are used whenever publications cannot be described using language keywords, e.g. if the subject-matter is broad and no languages are specified, as in “Language policy in South Africa” (keyword: South Africa).



Promoting the Linguistic Bibliography Online

The marketing department of Brill Publishers have been working hard to promote the LB Online. Please check the [LBO user guide](#) or check YouTube for a [promotion video](#).

CMS (content-management system)

In 2019, Brill’s software developer continued to work on improving the CMS, in particular increasing user-friendliness for external contributors and allowing the inclusion of additional types of metadata. Improvements were tested and implemented gradually. Examples include a new record type 'online resource' (online databases, websites, dictionaries, etc.) and the possibility of adding a URL to all bibliographical entries for easier source retrieval on LBO (e.g. open access books and online articles without DOIs). Future CMS improvements will include time-saving templates for creating new bibliographical records, and data-mining software for harvesting and importing online bibliographical data (modelled after the tool designed for the editors of Brill’s Index Islamicus). These improvements are expected to be implemented in 2020.

Software developments

In 2018, an online web application was developed that automatically harvests all new book publications announced on Linguist List and displays them in the form of a To-Do List, allowing LB editors to easily rearrange, process, and delegate bibliographical data for books. This new tool has proved extremely useful as the team was able – for the first time ever – to process all Linguist List book announcements in time for the production of the 2017 yearbook, and to continue this workflow for the 2018 yearbook and for future volumes.

In 2019, an online "LB Transliterator" was developed which converts Slavic and non-Slavic Cyrillic and Mxedruli (e.g. Georgian) script to the LB transliteration formats. The use of this tool has considerably reduced both the processing and the correcting time of these types of data for LB editors and contributors. The Transliterator may be accessed here:

<http://lbtransliterator.herokuapp.com/>.

Retro-digitization Linguistic Bibliography

The Foundation *Bibliographie Linguistique* has decided to fund the retro-digitization of early volumes of the Linguistic Bibliography. These 45 volumes (covering the years 1939-1992) will be converted into an open access database that will be available free of charge to any internet user.

The project will take 5 years, during which about 110,000 new records and 540,000 retro-digitized records will be added to the database. By the end of the retro-digitization project in 2024, the Linguistic Bibliography Online is expected to contain over 1.1 million records, about half of which will be open access.

International Congress of Linguists

CIPL is responsible for the organization of the International Congress of Linguists, which is held every five years. CIPL invites any organization or institution that is a member of CIPL to organize the 21st ICL, to be held in 2023.

During their meeting in April 2019, the members of the Executive Committee gave the SG a mandate to make a proposal for the next congress. Several member countries had to be taken into consideration as possible next venues.

Unfortunately, in 2019 it was impossible to find a venue for ICL21. Two candidates had to withdraw their proposals. The SG will continue searching for a CIL21 venue.

After the meeting of CIPL's EC, the [guidelines](#) on CIPL's website have been slightly adjusted: now they also include a format for a bid.

CIPSH Chair Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World

CIPSH, the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines), has established a programme of academic chairs, designed to highlight and encourage existing research networks of centres of research in the humanities, to attract greater attention to the humanities worldwide and to enhance recognition of their importance in contemporary society.



The University of Leiden, together with CIPL, proposed a chair on the following topic: **Ethnolinguistic vitality and diversity in the world.**

The proposal for this chair was accepted unanimously by the selection committee of CIPSH.

Domains or disciplines concerned: Linguistics (Descriptive and Documentary Linguistics, Sociolinguistics and Anthropological Linguistics).

Faculties and Departments: Humanities Faculty: Leiden University Centre for Linguistics, in cooperation with African Studies Centre Leiden and with the Centre for the Study of Indigenous Societies of South America.

Project Leader/contact person: Dr Felix K. Ameka, Associate Professor of Linguistics and African Languages and Cultures.

Summary of the topic: The chair on ethnolinguistic vitality and diversity wants to advance research and practice of language documentation. The chair wants to develop several activities that promote and increase interest in the advantages of linguistic diversity, multilingualism and the maintenance of the vitality of minority and threatened languages. In doing this the chair wants to promote a language policy based on diversity, which must lead to a better knowledge of cultures and of the richness of different cultures, which is one of CIPSH's priorities. The chair will build a network between important universities and other research institutes in order to offer both teaching and training, summer schools, workshops and conferences. This fits in perfectly well with the CIPSH mission statement to highlight and encourage existing research networks of centres of research in the and to attract greater attention to the humanities worldwide and enhanced recognition of their importance in contemporary society.

Motivation for the chair: Three decades ago, during the 14th CIPL Conference at Humboldt University Berlin, a petition was drafted and presented to CIPL to bring the endangered language question to the attention of linguists and the general public. The responses to the question by linguists lead to the emergence of the subdiscipline of Language Documentation

or Documentary Linguistics. This has been developing over the past two decades. The other response came from both private and governmental funding agencies. The VW Foundation funded the DoBeS programme. The Arcadia Foundation set up The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Programme (HRELP) with three arms of Endangered Language Documentation Programme (ELDP), The Endangered Languages Academic Programme (ELAP) and the Endangered languages Archives (ELAR).

The NWO had its Endangered Languages Programme (ELP); five of the nine programmes funded under it were carried out from Leiden. There was the EuroBabel, an ESF programme proposed by Prof Dr Maarten Mous (Leiden) and three subprojects were hosted in Leiden. The NSF also has a Documentation of Endangered Languages funding scheme (DEL), only open to US residents, however. Among all these initiatives, it is only DEL and ELDP that have survived along with smaller initiatives like the Endangered Languages Fund (ELF) and the Foundation of Endangered Languages (FEL) as well as the German Gesellschaft für bedrohte Sprachen. The Chair will closely collaborate with ELDP.

In terms of academic programmes for training documenters, ELAP ceased to exist when the programme was absorbed into the Linguistics programme at SOAS and with the retirement of the Rausing Professor of Field Linguistics there is a dearth of academic leadership in this terrain at least in Europe.

In the past three years, the annual International Leiden Summer School has had a stream on Language Description and Documentation, and it plans to maintain this as a permanent feature. The Chair will strengthen and promote this and use it for capacity building. Moreover, Felix Ameka (Leiden) has been running Summer Schools in different parts of Africa for training Africans to do documentation work. These have been funded mostly by ELDP. The Chair will build on these models and collaborations to strengthen in-country training programmes. In the context of the project, the Chair will also explore the mounting of joint degrees in language documentation and allied fields with especially universities in the South.

The chair will be inaugurated in 2020 at Leiden University.

The whole project is supported by a number of important international partners:

- SOAS, University of London
- ILCAA, Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
- Universidade Federal do Pará
- Fryske Akademy
- University of Ghana, School of Languages
- University of Texas at Austin

Newsletter

In CIPL's annual report over 2018 we mentioned as one of our future priorities an interesting newsletter. With this newsletter we wanted an ever-growing number of scholars and also young researchers to get informed about our activities.

We were very happy to publish our first newsletter in October 2019. The letter was sent to our member organisations with the request to forward this newsletter to their members. The newsletter was also published via the Linguist List. We encourage CIPL's representatives to inform their colleagues and students about our newsletter. Also, we warmly welcome any information regarding linguistics to be published in our newsletter.

For 2020, two newsletters are planned for March and October.

Travel grants

As from 2019, CIPL awards 5 annual travel grants of € 500 each (approx. US\$ 550). Advanced students in linguistics without a PhD are eligible to receive a once-only grant to help fund their participation in a linguistics conference.

The student must present a paper at the conference. Grants for participation in a conference in the home country of the applicant are excluded.

Applicants must complete an application form that can be downloaded on the CIPL website. The application should also include an abstract of the paper to be presented; a CV; proof that the paper has been accepted for presentation; and a letter of support by the student's academic advisor.

After the conference, a brief report of the awardee's participation, accompanied by a copy of a certificate of participation, must be presented to CIPL.

The call is open twice a year: from March 1st till May 15th and from October 1st till November 15th. Only during these two periods, applications will be accepted.

A subcommittee of the Executive Committee of CIPL will evaluate the applications, aiming for a wide geographical distribution of both applicants and conferences.

All subdisciplines of linguistics are eligible. No particular theory or approach in linguistics is favoured over any other.

The Secretary-General of CIPL will announce the results of the grant applications during the second week of June and the last week of November.

The Year of Indigenous Languages

Languages play a crucial role in the daily lives of people, not only as a tool for communication, education, social integration and development, but also as a repository for each person's unique identity, cultural history, traditions and memory. But despite their immense value, languages around the world continue to disappear at an alarming rate. With



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this in mind, the United Nations declared 2019 [The Year of Indigenous Languages](#) in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also

for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.

January 28 was the Official Ceremony for the launch of the 2019 International Year of Indigenous Languages at Unesco in Paris. CIPL was represented by Prof Reinier Salverda, CIPL's special delegate for Endangered Languages and Prof Camiel Hamans, Associate Secretary-General, who [addressed](#) the meeting on behalf of CIPL.



Ms Victoria Tauli-Corpus (Philippines), United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Grand Chief Wilton Littlechild (Canada) at the Official Launch Event of the International Year of Indigenous Languages at the Unesco headquarters in Paris (28.01.2019)

Linguistic Forum 2019: Indigenous languages of Russia and beyond

One of CIPL's priorities is the study and protection of endangered languages. That is why CIPL co-organizes workshops and symposia about this topic every year. 2019 has been announced by the United Nations as *The Year of Indigenous Languages* and in this context CIPL and the Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow) organized an **international conference 'Linguistic Forum 2019: Indigenous languages of Russia and beyond'**, which was held April 4-6.

More than 70 papers were presented, and in a special section a round table took place where representatives of the more than one hundred indigenous languages spoken in the Russian Federation presented their best practices and discussed the problems they are confronted with. CIPL's President David Bradley addressed the conference with the paper *Sociolinguistics of Language Endangerment*.



Prof David Bradley, CIPL's President

Scholars from all over the world discussed the problems of languages in danger and presented their research about languages not only of the Russian Federation, but also of Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas. During the conference, issues of documentation and description of indigenous languages were discussed, as well as the teaching, maintenance and revitalization of indigenous languages.

At the end of the conference, the participants formulated some recommendations and sent a resolution to the relevant authorities of the Russian federation, in which they asked the authorities to promote the idea of the cultural and psychological advantage of bilingualism (multilingualism) over monolingualism.

The PowerPoint presentations, hand-outs of the conference and some presentations are published on the website of the conference:

https://iling-ran.ru/web/en/conferences/2019_indigenous

Future priorities

We are finalizing this annual report in June 2020, while the whole world is fighting against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The current health crisis affects everyone in the world, and nothing is certain about future events, meetings, conferences. Travelling might still be problematic in the near future, but we foresee a lot of activities, either in vivo or online. We are worried about our fellow linguists in parts of the world that were heavily hit by the Covid-19 disease and try to stay in touch through e-mail and webinars.

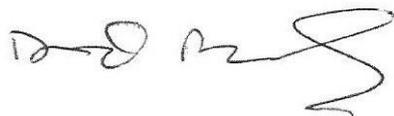
CIPL will continue to contribute to and support conferences, webinars and workshops on different linguistic paradigms over the whole world. The travel grant system will be in place in 2020, and we will focus on the first preparations of ICL21. The newsletter, that was successfully launched in 2019, will continue to appear on a regular basis.

In the near future, the website will be hosted by the Dutch Language Institute and will be given a more flexible set-up, making it easier to post material or change the structure or layout.

Finances

Please find enclosed the Financial Statements. The 2019 Annual Report was approved.

Leiden, December 31st, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Bradley', written in a cursive style.

Prof D. Bradley, President CIPL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Steurs', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline.

Prof F. Steurs
Secretary-General