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Introduction

It is with great pleasure that we present the Annual Report 2022.

2022 was mainly the year of the inauguration of the CIPL/CIPSH Chair *Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World*. The inauguration was delayed because of Covid, the actual work of the Chair started in 2020.

To celebrate the establishment of the chair and the inauguration of its first holder, Prof. Ameka and CIPL organised a two-day symposium ('Ethnolinguistic vitality and diversity: Looking back and moving forward') in Leiden on September 29th and 30th. Read more on page 11.

Also the preparations of the 21st International Congress of Linguists in Poznań in 2024 was one of the items which needed CIPL's full attention. Read about this on page 13.

In 2022, the Linguistic Bibliography Online (LBO) database continued to grow steadily and the Linguistic Bibliography yearbook for 2021 was published in October 2022. With 83% of the bibliographical entries describing publications from 2021, this yearbook was more up-to-date with recent publications than any previous volume. The retro-digitization of older yearbooks progressed smoothly as well. A total of twenty volumes have now been scanned, and the first set of digitized records was published in LBO. Read about the LB on page 8.

In 2022 two newsletters were published, in March and October. See page 14.

CIPL awarded thirteen PhD students a travel grant. Normally, CIPL awards up to five grants a year, but due to the exceptional circumstances (many congresses in 2020 and 2021 have been postponed or held digitally during the COVID-19 lockdown) and the very high level of the submitted proposals, CIPL has been able to find resources to award these thirteen grants. See for the travel grant winners page 15.

CIPL sponsored the II International Seminar Viva Língua Viva which was held in November, in the city of Belém (Pará), Brazil. The theme of Viva Língua Viva was 'Language Revitalization: Why and how to do it?' The event included conferences, round tables, conversation rounds, workshops, paper and poster sessions and cultural activities.

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Members

All organisations and institutions whose main aims include the promotion of linguistic science and the 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 2022 we welcomed the the International Society for Functional Linguistics (SILF). SILF aims to bring together linguists and researchers applying the principles of functional linguistics to the study of languages. SILF's mission is to coordinate research and to disseminate the findings of studies carried out by researchers around the world. To this end, SILF publishes an international journal, *La linguistique*, organises workshops and annual conferences, the proceedings of which are published in collaboration with the host university.

● Professor Manuel Leonetti

In 2022 we were devastated to hear about the loss of Prof. Manuel Leonetti. Manuel was professor of Spanish Linguistics at Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Manuel represented the Sociedad Española de Lingüística in the general Assembly of CIPL for many years. He also served CIPL as member and chairman of the Nomination Committee. Manuel Leonetti was known for his work on the interface of syntax, semantics and pragmatics. He was a fine linguist, a true gentleman and a good friend.



Linguistic Bibliography and Linguistic Bibliography Online

Linguistic Bibliography Yearbook

The LB print volume for the year 2021 was published in October 2022. With its 21,346 entries and 1,552 pages, the yearbook is slightly larger than the previous one (20,871 entries and 1,512 pages) and remains within the boundaries of the maximum number of 1,616 pages set by the printer.

An innovation of the 2021 yearbook is that reviews are presented as full bibliographical entries, rather than as concise notes within the reviewed book entry, e.g. *BSOAS* 83/3, 2020, 565-566 Georg Orlandi (*BSOAS* is a journal abbreviation). The decision to create separate entries/records for reviews was necessitated by the fact that reviews – especially those published in online journals – have become more and more elaborate. Nowadays, reviews often have their own titles, DOIs, URLs and abstracts, and some reviews require explanatory notes and/or cross-references, e.g. an author's response to a review of their book. The new format accommodates all these things and more, e.g. indicating the language the review was written in.

In recent years, higher priority has been given to collecting the most recent bibliographical data in order to keep LB(O) as up-to-date as possible, and the results are clearly visible in the 2021 yearbook. There was again an increase in the percentage of publications of the current year in this yearbook compared to previous years.

Moreover, whereas previous yearbooks were supplemented with recently collected but older references from the past five years, the 2021 yearbook could only accommodate references from 2021 and supplements from 2020 (the older references collected during the past year were published online only). The inclusion of references from 2019 would have put the yearbook past the allowed maximum number of pages. As in the previous yearbook, only reviews published during that year were included to avoid the yearbook overflowing with older reviews and reviewed books.

If this trend continues, it is possible that one of the next yearbooks contains only references to publications from that same year, without any supplement from previous years, and we will need to reconsider the title that has been printed on the title page for decades:

Linguistic bibliography for the year 2021 and supplement for previous years = Bibliographie linguistique de l'année 2021 et complément des années précédentes. Eventually we may also need to consider publishing the yearbook in two fascicles, if references for one calendar year exceed 1,616 pages.

LB yearbook 2022

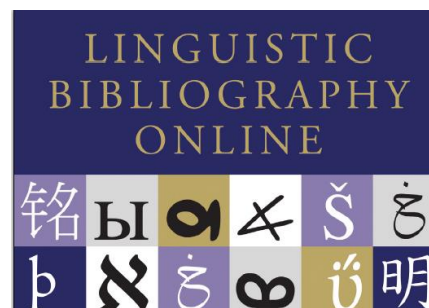
The main focus continues to be on collecting recent publications from the previous year (2022), and there are currently (March 2023) about 9,500 entries ready to be published in the yearbook, slightly fewer than this time last year (about 10,000 entries). Older

publications are still being collected as well, and may be used to supplement the yearbook. The yearbook for 2022 is expected to be published in September 2023.

Linguistic Bibliography Online (LBO)

In 2022, the LBO online database was expanded with an unusually large number of 42,528 bibliographical records, consisting of 24,703 recent publications (22,959 in 2021), and the first batch of 17,825 digitized bibliographical references from the 1991 yearbook.

In June and July, no LBO updates were published due to technical problems with Brill's external platform provider. However, record collection continued as usual, which is reflected in the large number of records published in August.



The November update included the publication of retro-digitized records. These records do not count towards the *online only* total, because they were previously published in print. *Online only* records are typically (but not exclusively) online resources such as databases, corpora, unpublished dissertations, and older publications that have only recently become accessible to the LB editors.

The number of *online only* records decreased in July, because some of these records were published in the 2021 yearbook and were therefore no longer *online only*.

According to Google Analytics, LBO had a total of 17,039 page views in 2022 (11,827 in 2021).

CMS (content management system)

This has been the first full year in which the editorial team was able to use the Zotero import tool to harvest metadata of books and articles from websites, and import them directly into the CMS, saving copy-pasting time as well as decreasing the chance of typos and omissions. As a result, the editorial team was able to process more records and has become more proactive in putting the contributors to work. As a pilot study, nine (out of 51) contributors were given imported records to edit. The productivity of all but one of these contributors increased, and their combined total number of records contributed to the 2021 yearbook (1,847) was twice than the previous year (925).

In conclusion, the import tool has increased productivity of both LB editors and contributors, although it should be noticed that some contributors were assigned more records than they could handle, which were subsequently processed by the LB editors (as far as possible). Harvesting metadata with the import tool has now become the standard collection procedure, with the exception of publications which are not online available or are published on websites that are incompatible with the import tool (usually smaller publishers).

Retro-digitization

The yearbooks from 1972-1992 have now been scanned and in 2022 a standard procedure was developed in collaboration with Ambrac for importing the data into the CMS. The data is imported one yearbook at a time, and the OCR instructions for each yearbook are slightly

modified for each volume, because the older yearbooks are not as uniform as they are now, and used slightly different layouts.

The first batch of 17,819 digitized bibliographical references came from the 1991 yearbook and were published on LBO in November 2022 in open access. The second batch from the 1992 yearbook has been imported into the CMS and will be published in April 2023.

OCR accuracy is good (e.g. only 60 records had to be digitized manually), but not perfect, causing typos, or instances of data displayed in the wrong field so that other fields remain empty. Unfortunately, the editorial team currently does not have the capacity to manually review and correct all digitized data. Solutions to be considered include hiring student interns for editing these data, and/or performing global search-and-replace corrections after the first ten or twenty yearbooks have been imported, while temporarily accepting a bigger margin of error.

The project is expected to be completed by 2024 or 2025.

New contributors

Dorina Onica (Romanian), Chris Lasse Däbritz (Turkic), Roey Schneider (Hebrew).

The editorial team is currently searching for experts in Ancient Egyptian, Armenian, Baltic, Belarusian, Hindi, and P-Celtic (Welsh, Breton, Cornish). Potential contributors may be referred to brill.com/page/lbcontributor for more information.

Chair Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World



Felix Ameka: first holder of the CIPL chair at Leiden University

On Friday 30 September, Prof. Dr. Felix Ameka accepted a chair, initiated by CIPL and CIPSH, by delivering his inaugural lecture 'Turning the tide from language endangerment to ethnolinguistic vitality' <https://ciplnet.com/chair/chair-holder/>.

Language endangerment may be considered the 'third extension crisis' after biodiversity and the erosion of traditional cultures, and therefore one needs all hands on deck to stop this crisis. However, it is not only up to experts to turn the tide, Prof. Ameka stated. Just as in other crises

like the climate change, also ordinary people, speakers of languages, must take part. In the second half of his speech Felix Ameka described how native speakers of Dutch react when a foreigner who is less fluent in their mother tongue approaches them. They immediately switch to English and even when the foreigner asks to be answered in Dutch most Dutchmen will continue in English. By doing so, native speakers of Dutch endanger the vitality of their own language. This disrespect is as threatening as the extinction of languages. Languages will be slowly reduced to certain spheres of life in this way and therefore limited in their viability. Prof. Ameka calls on everyone, linguists and users of languages, to stop this decline. It is not without reason that his chair is called 'Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World'.

CIPL has spent years trying to establish a chair at a university for endangered languages. All these efforts were unsuccessful until CIPL was able to combine forces with CIPSH, Conseil International de la Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines, an NGO within

Unesco, which federates hundreds of different learned societies in the field of philosophy, human sciences and related subjects. CIPL is among the founding members of CIPSH. Three years ago CIPSH launched a program for chairs in the humanities and the social sciences. The aim of this program is to stimulate international cooperation in areas that fall outside the scope of daily attention. Unfortunately, language endangerment is such a topic. Prof. Felix Ameka, a well-known specialist in African languages, will cooperate with colleagues in the



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US, Brazil, Ghana, Japan, UK and the Netherlands to draw more attention to this theme and to train young colleagues to turn the tide from language endangerment to language vitality.

To celebrate the establishment of the chair and the inauguration of its first holder, Prof. Ameka and CIPL organised a two-day symposium ('Ethnolinguistic vitality and diversity: Looking back and moving forward') in Leiden.

Speakers at this symposium were: Dr. Mandana Seyfeddinipur, director of ELDP, the Endangered Languages Documentation Program now in Berlin, Prof. Gabriela Paez Baez (Oregon), Prof. Birgit Hellwig (Cologne), Prof. Serge Sagna (Manchester), Dr. Rachel Ayuk Ojong Diba (Buffalo), Prof. Anne Pauwels (London & Melbourne), Prof. James Essegbey (Florida), Dr. Zinnia Mevawalla (Strathclyde, Scotland) and Prof. Deborah Hill (Canberra). Dozens of interested people attended the symposium.

Foundation Endangered Languages (*Stichting Bedreigde Talen*)

The board of the foundation and the curatorium were actively involved in organising the accompanying symposium for the inaugural lecture of Prof. Ameka.

In 2022 the board focused on formulating the mission of the foundation in relation to the chair and on researching methods to interest sponsors. These activities are not yet completed.

The board of the foundation consists of:

- Prof. Piet van Sterkenburg, president
- Mr. Wim Gohres LLM, treasurer
- Prof. Camiel Hamans, secretary
- Dr. Christopher Houtkamp
- Drs. Petra Stienen
- Prof. Tuna Tasan-Kok
- Dr. G.J. van der Wal, members

The scientific curatorium of the chair is formed by:

- Prof. Maarten Mous (Leiden University)
- Prof. Anne Pauwels (SOAS London, University of Melbourne)
- Prof. Frieda Steurs (INT Leiden, KU Leuven)

International Congress of Linguists

Adam Mickiewicz University, AMU/UAM, in Poznań, Poland will host the upcoming 21st International Congress of Linguists from **September 8 to 14, 2024**.



The year 2022 was mainly spent on discussions about the content of the upcoming ICL.

The Scientific Committee of the Congress (SC), chaired by CIPL's president David Bradley, first discussed which plenary speakers would be invited to the congress. From an overwhelming longlist, ten were eventually chosen.

Then the SC consulted which sections would be organised and who would be the conveners of these sections. Finally, the SC spent some time deliberating which focus streams should be added to the program and who should be their conveners.

Subsequently, the outcome of the deliberations of the Scientific Committee were shared with the Local Organizing Committee, which sent out the invitations. Fortunately, most invitations were accepted.

Prof. Camiel Hamans, associate Secretary-General of CIPL, has visited Poznan several times to meet the Local Organizing Committee.

During his visits to Poznań, Prof. Hamans met with the Local Organizing Committee, met the staff of the Congress Office of Poznań International Fair, where ICL 2024 will take place, and discussed the budget of the congress.

On behalf of CIPL, Prof. Hamans also maintains permanent contact with the LOC outside his visits, just as he does with the SC.

CIPL, the SC and LOC have jointly decided to invite Prof. Olga Spevak, Université de *Toulouse* 2, to coordinate the entire process of abstract submission and review.

CIPL has also already concluded an agreement with Brill on the publication of the plenary lectures and the lectures of the section and focus conveners.

At the time of publication of this annual report the website and call for papers of ICL21 are available at: <https://icl2024poznan.org> and <https://ciplnet.com/international-congress/next-venue-icl21/>

Newsletters

In 2022 two newsletters were published, in March and October.

In these Newsletters five CIPL members introduced themselves: The Linguistic Association of Nigeria, the Portuguese Center for Studies in Letters, the Max Planck Institute, the Applied Linguistics Association of Serbia and the Association of Latin American Linguistics and Philology.

Frieda Steurs interviewed Helder De Schutter, Professor of Social and Political Philosophy at KU Leuven. He works on issues of linguistic justice, federalism in multinational states, nationalism and nation-building, migration and citizenship, and the case for non-territorial jurisdictional authority.

Other issues were of course the preparations for ICL21 in Poznań, the inauguration of the CIPL/CIPSH chair and Viva Língua Via.

All our newsletters can be found on our website: <https://ciplnet.com/newsletter/>

Travel grants

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Travel grants, Spring/Summer 2022

In this round, over 25 applications were submitted, all of which were of very high quality. The scholarships have been awarded by the jury to: Camille Marvin (Barcelona, Paris and Houston), Ainur Kakimova (Warsaw and Astana), Hanna Mahler (Freiburg), Anastasia Lada (Brussels and Thessaloniki), Brooke Mullins (North Eastern Illinois and Kent State), Yaqiong XU (Trondheim and Hong Kong), Mara van der Ploeg (Groningen), Martine Gallardo (Urbana-Champaign).

Their conference reports can be read at CIPL's website: <https://ciplnet.com/news/travel-grants-spring-summer-2022/>

Travel grants Autumn/Winter 2022

In this round, almost 20 applications were submitted, also of very high quality.

The scholarships have been awarded by the jury to: Fatiha Sadouki (University of Szeged, Hungary), Mohammed Akter (University of Sydney, Australia), José Antonio Jodár-Sánchez (University at Buffalo, USA), Yoon Namking (Georgia State University, USA) and Betül Çimenli (Bartın University/ Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey).

Their conference reports can be read at CIPL's website: <https://ciplnet.com/news/travel-grants-autumn-winter-2022/>

The travel grant is € 500. The selection committee consists of Prof. Frederick J. Newmeyer, (chair), Prof. Eno-Abasi Urua and Prof. Jacques Moeschler. Secretary of the committee is Prof. Camiel Hamans.

Future priorities

On Friday June 2nd 2023 the CIPL/CIPSH Chair *Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World* is organising a Symposium on the theme of 'Language maintenance and revitalization across the world' at Leiden University, The Netherlands.

The whole year 2023 will entail extra focus on the organisation of ICL 2024, in Poznan. The main keynotes, focus groups and slots will be defined in 2023, and the call for papers will be out in summer 2023.

We are also looking at further cooperation with CIPSH, as this organisation will write a new chapter in their policy for the future five years and CIPL wants to play an active part in this.

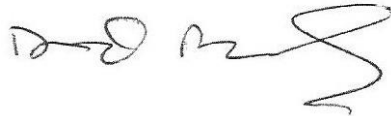
We will continue the publication of newsletters and the possibility to distribute travel grants in the upcoming year.

At the same time, we hope to attract more member organisations, so that we may grow in diversity.

Finances

Please find enclosed the Financial Statements. The 2022 Annual Report is approved.

Leiden, December 31, 2022



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