

ELECTIONS 2003

In March 2003, ten additional members of the new Council of the International Phonetic Association were elected. They are: Nina Grønnum, Michael K. C. MacMahon, Janet Fletcher, Katerina Nicolaidis, Didier Demolin, Olle Engstrand, Asher Laufer, Eric Zee, Shizuo Hiki and Vincent J. van Heuven.

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In June 2003, the new Council elected the following Executive Committee members to serve from 2003 to 2007:

John C. Wells, London (President)  
 Ian Maddieson, Berkeley (Vice-President)  
 Katerina Nicolaidis, Thessaloniki (Secretary)  
 Michael K. C. MacMahon, Glasgow (Treasurer)  
 John H. Esling, Victoria, BC (Editor)

Due to the election of John Wells as President and of Ian Maddieson as Vice-President of the IPA in June 2003, both of whom will now serve as ex-officio members of the Permanent

Council for the Organization of International Congresses of Phonetic Science, two positions became available on the Permanent Council to be filled by candidates elected by the IPA membership. Based on the results of the general IPA election in November 2002, the two positions will be filled by:

Edda Farnetani, Padova, Italy

Vincent J. van Heuven, Leiden, Netherlands

## GENERAL MEETING 2003

**12.40 Tuesday 5 August, at ICPhS 2003 in Barcelona**

The President, Prof. Klaus J. Kohler, took the chair.

**1 Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the General Meeting of 3 August 1999 in San Francisco as published in the *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* vol. 29(2) were agreed as a correct record.

**2 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**3 President's introduction**

President Klaus Kohler introduced the main agenda by reviewing the accomplishments of the Association in the past four years: the adoption of the ICPhS as the official meeting of the IPA and the conclusion of the formal association between the Permanent Council of the ICPhS and the IPA, the finalization of the agreement to publish the *Journal of the IPA* with Cambridge University Press and the successful and timely appearance of three two-issue volumes from CUP, and the initiation of symposia such as the Sankelmark workshop ('Patterns of speech sounds in unscripted communication') of 2000.

**4 Secretary's report**

Secretary John Esling reported that in addition to the major undertakings referred to by the President, a series of formal resolutions had been passed by Council since 1999, the most recent of which was the election of a new Council and of a new Executive consisting of John Wells (President), Ian Maddieson (Vice-President), Katerina Nicolaidis (Secretary), Mike MacMahon (Treasurer), and John Esling (Editor).

**5 Treasurer's report**

- (a) Treasurer Ailbhe Ní Chasaide reported a healthy state of finances, due largely to profits that are beginning to be returned from CUP for the publication of *JIPA* and to the increase in membership brought by the integration of IPA membership and ICPhS registration arising from the financial sponsorship of the ICPhS by the IPA.
- (b) The Treasurer presented the financial records for the four years 1999–2002. The accounts show a drop in reserves as a result of production costs of *JIPA* by CUP as of 2001, but it is anticipated that this will be compensated by shared surpluses from CUP as a result of successful marketing and sales of *JIPA*, especially to institutional subscribers, the management of which CUP took over from the IPA in 2001. A profit of over UK£7,000 for the 2002 publication year has just been received from CUP and will enter the books in the 2003 accounting year. CUP project similar profit margins for subsequent years.
- (c) The membership currently stands at 1,087, which includes 215 Life members. This represents a doubling of the membership since 1999. One challenge of the new Executive will be to retain those members in non-Congress years, when memberships are not purchased in conjunction with ICPhS registration.
- (d) Since the last adjustment in membership fees, there has been a fluctuation in the exchange rate between the US dollar and the Euro. The dollar fee (currently \$35) is now significantly below the Euro fee (currently €40). The Treasurer proposed that the dollar fee be raised to \$45 in order to match the Euro fee at current exchange rates. Such a rise would have to be implemented by the incoming Executive and approved by Council. It was also recommended that the membership fee be periodically adjusted with respect to changes in the per capita amount (in £ Sterling) paid to CUP for the production of *JIPA*.

- (e) The Treasurer wished Mike MacMahon well in taking over the Treasury and extended her sincere gratitude to Liam Fitzpatrick, Deputy Treasurer from 1995 to 1997, who undertook the task of computerizing all of the IPA records, and to John Wogan, Deputy Treasurer from 1997 to 2003, for his outstanding service and attention to detail at a time when IPA structures and finances were in a state of change.

## 6 Editor's report

Editor Peter Ladefoged, speaking on behalf of the editorial team of Peter Ladefoged, John Local, and Linda Shockey, reported that *JIPA* vol. 33(1) had just appeared on schedule, representing the fifth issue published with CUP. In a detailed report submitted to the *JIPA* Editorial Board open meeting the night before (4 August 2003), he summarized the categories and nature of the papers that had been received in the past four years, including illustrations of the IPA, and presented an overview of the editorial process that has been put in place. Production issues and the recommended form of submissions were reviewed in detail. The position of *JIPA* was described as professional and competitive relative to other phonetics journals. The full report to the *JIPA* Editorial Board appears below.

## 7 Election results

The results of the IPA elections that took place between August 2002 and July 2003 have been published in *JIPA*, including the results of the newly instituted round of elections to ensure that a portion of the membership of the Permanent Council for the Organization of ICPhS is elected by the general membership of the IPA. Details of the election process can be found in the Association's By-laws, posted on the IPA web site.

## 8 Address by incoming President

The new President, John Wells, congratulated the past Executive on their service to the Association. He pointed out that the IPA has a long tradition over more than 100 years, growing from a family tradition into a larger community of scholars. He emphasized the need to retain members who join in a Congress year, perhaps through privileged web site access to language data or to other reference material as a benefit of membership. Prof. Wells spoke of the need to revive and upgrade the IPA Examination and Certificate of the IPA, citing a study by Patricia Ashby suggesting that interest in the Examination has grown and that the time is right to expand this service to the worldwide academic community.

## 9 Votes of thanks

The outgoing President thanked the members of Council and the elected and appointed officers of the Association for their contributions between 1999 and 2003, congratulating all newly elected members and wishing them well over the next four years.

## 10 Other business

A question was asked about where the IPA's linguistic data are maintained on the web and whether the data could be put on the CUP Online site for *JIPA*. The Secretary answered that the official IPA web site is in Glasgow, maintained by Mike MacMahon, with links to audio files accompanying the *Handbook of the IPA* and *JIPA* illustrations, which are currently processed and posted for downloading on the University of Victoria web site. Although it is becoming easier for publishers to handle larger and more complex web files, such files require editing, updating, and maintenance that CUP cannot currently provide; however, discussions will continue with CUP to assess the best means of posting proprietary IPA audio and video data.

Prof. Kohler suggested that software applications recently developed at Kiel, and now in use at Kiel and Jena, could be made available for quick and user-friendly audio access to the database, operating by mouse-click on computerized Language Illustration pages. He further recommended that the classification system of the database could be changed from the present English word translations to IPA sound categories so that easy comparisons of /p/s,

/b/s, etc. in the languages of the world may be possible, by retrieving the acoustic signals of all the relevant words for subsequent analysis. Prof. Adrian Simpson, Jena, might be contacted on this. The Secretary observed that Victoria also has such a program and that these web-based applications might be good candidates to put up on a restricted-access web site for IPA members. It was suggested that the IPA Executive might collect, review, and assess such programs for possible posting to a web site for the membership.

A question was asked about IPA-sponsored symposia and whether there had been feedback on symposia already held. The President reported positive feedback on the Sankelmark symposium and a favourable response to the publication of the proceedings in *JIPA* vol. 31(1).

In response to a question about the posting of IPA News via e-mail, it was pointed out that *foNETiks* (*A network newsletter for the International Phonetic Association and for the Phonetic Sciences*) has served as the official IPA monthly electronic newsletter since January 1996, as initiated by the then President John Ohala.

### **11 Closing**

The President closed the meeting with an invitation for the Association to re-convene during the next International Congress of Phonetic Sciences in 2007, at a meeting to be chaired by the new President, Prof. John C. Wells, to whom he offered his congratulations and best wishes.

The meeting closed at 13.30.