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Introduction

2024 was a very busy and productive year for CIPL. During the 21st International Congress of Linguists, held in Poznań, Poland, a new President, EC and NC were elected. The outcome can be found on page 5 of this report.

A brief report about the 21st congress can be read on page 13.

Prof. Felix Ameka has been succeeded by Prof. Rik Van Gijn as Chairholder of the Chair Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World. Rik van Gijn introduces himself on page 11.

CIPL wants to reach out to young linguists and students by issuing travel grants. The winners of CIPL's travel grants and the special travel grants for ICL21 are listed in this report on page 17. On page 15 you can see who won the Suwilai Premssirat Award for research on endangered languages, the Ferenc Kiefer award for the best Early Career Presentation and the Stephen Wurm Award for the best poster at ICL21.

Executive Committee

Executive Committee until September 2024

Prof. David Bradley, **President**

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We would like to thank two excellent members of the Executive Committee of CIPL for their longstanding services.



First of all, there is **David Bradley**, who served a decade long as President of CIPL (2014 to 2024) and has delivered outstanding contributions to the field of linguistics over the years. His extensive research in endangered languages, sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, geolinguistics, language policy, and more — particularly in Southeast, East, and South Asia — has enriched our understanding of linguistic diversity and complexity in these regions. David Bradley delivered many interesting lectures in his capacity as President of CIPL, and was very much involved in The Suwilai Premsrirat Award for excellent research in the field of language endangerment.

Second, there is **Ik-Hwan Lee**, representing The Linguistic Society of Korea, Dept. of English, of the Yonsei University in Seoul. Ik-Hwan Lee served as an outstanding linguist for many years in the Executive Committee. He was elected in 1997 during the Paris conference, and was active in CIPL until 2024. In 2008, he was the president of ICL 18 in Seoul, and after that he became a member of the EC, got elected as Vice-President in Geneva (2013) and continued in this role until 2024. He was a very dedicated scholar. We want to thank both for their tireless efforts, their scholarly generosity, and their unwavering commitment to the advancement of linguistics.

Executive Committee from September 2024

During the 21st International Congress of Linguists in Poznań, Poland, CIPL's General Assembly met. One of the important issues on the agenda was the election of President, Vice-President and Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Brigitte Bauer (president), Bernard Hurch, Tinatin Bolkvadze and Siaw-Fung Chung. This Nominating Committee proposed the candidates for these different positions after they had been asked whether they would accept candidature.

President and Vice-President

Prof. Anne Pauwels (ap62@soas.ac.uk) was elected as the new President and Prof. Fritz Newmeyer (fjn@uw.edu) was elected as Vice-President.

Executive Committee

As always, the President of the Local Organizing Committee of ICL21, Prof. Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kołaczyk (dkasia@amu.edu.pl), will serve as a member of the EC. Because the President and Secretary-General do not leave in the same year, Prof. Frieda Steurs remains Secretary-General.

The result of this election was: Prof. Jae-Woong Choe (ichoe@korea.ac.kr), Prof. Jo-Anne Ferreira (jo-anne.ferreira@uwi.edu), Prof. Shigeki Kaji (skaji@cc.kyoto-su.ac.jp), Prof. Jacques Moeschler (Jacques.Moeschler@unige.ch), Prof. Miguel Oliveira Jr (miguel@fale.ufal.br) and Prof. Eno-Abasi Urua (enoabasi@gmail.com).

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Linguistic Bibliography and Linguistic Bibliography Online

LB yearbook 2023

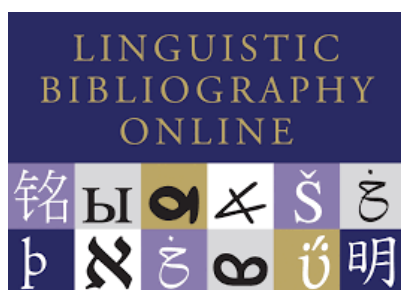
The LB print volume for the year 2023 was sent to press on schedule in July 2024, and was published in September 2024. With 20,007 entries and 1,503 pages, the yearbook is about the same size as the previous one, which contained 20,457 entries and 1,506 pages.

In recent years, priority has been given to collecting the most recent bibliographical data in order to keep LB/LBO as up-to-date as possible. The percentage of recent vs. older publications in the 2023 yearbook was exactly the same as in the 2022 yearbook.

LB yearbook 2024

The focus continues to be on collecting recent publications from 2024, and there are currently (end of February 2025) some 10,500 entries ready to be published in the yearbook, which puts us on schedule and is an improvement on last year (8,000 records at the same time last year). Older publications are being collected with lower priority, and may be used to supplement the yearbook. The yearbook for 2024 will go to press in July/August for publication in September 2025.

Linguistic Bibliography Online (LBO)



In 2024, the *LBO* database was expanded with 222,989 bibliographical records, consisting of 22,911 recent publications (25,139 in 2023), and 200,078 retro-digitized bibliographical references from the yearbooks for 1976 to 1989 (37,014 records in 2023). As of March 2025, 268,515 records are available in open access, while 592,929 records are available only to subscribers, for a total of 861,444 records.

New content

In 2024, 32 new **journals** were added to the list of periodicals which are covered and checked regularly by LB editors and contributors (2023: 43 new journals). Non-linguistic journals that are occasionally checked for linguistic content are not included.

The most significant changes in **language keywords** were those made to the nomenclature and subclassifications of the language family traditionally known as Sino-Tibetan, which has now been renamed Trans-Himalayan in LB/LBO to reflect current scholarship. The new classification, based on DeLancey 2021, is already in use on LBO and will be implemented in print starting with the next LB yearbook (for the year 2024). As we recognize that older terms (especially “Sino-Tibetan”) are still widely in use within the linguistic community, ample cross-references are being added to the index of languages to ensure its effectiveness.

Furthermore, a total of 112 new **language keywords** were implemented in the database

(2023: 109 new language keywords). Efforts to expand the keyword system with dialects, sociolects, and other language varieties has continued, reflecting the usage and trends in the linguistic research community.

A total of 40 new **subject keywords** were implemented in the database (2023: 68 new subject keywords). As usual, these mostly denote geographical areas or linguistic theories/approaches.

CMS (content management system)

The CMS continues to be a useful tool for *Linguistic Bibliography* Editors and Contributors alike, and no technical issues or changes have been reported in 2024. As a consequence of the De Gruyter Brill merger, content management systems of different bibliographical projects may be reviewed (or even merged) in the future, but there are no concrete plans for changes as of yet. If and when changes are implemented, they will be mostly in the background, and are not expected to affect the presentation of LB/LBO.

Retro-digitization

This project aims at retro-digitizing older print LB yearbooks from 1939-1992 and making the records available in open access. This involves scanning the print volumes, running OCR (optical character recognition), parsing into individual bibliographical entries, importing the resulting records into the CMS, and finally publishing the records as part of LBO. The project was launched in 2021, but work actually started in earnest in 2022 due to Covid-related delays by our service providers.

In 2024, digitized bibliographical references from yearbooks covering 1976-1989 were published as part of LBO, bringing the total of open access records to 256,116 (56,038 in 2023), which now includes all the entries from the yearbooks covering 1976-1992.

Regarding the quality of the records, the points that were made last year still hold true:

- All records have at least one language keyword and one subject keyword, derived from the chapter headings in the yearbook. During the importation of digitized data, author names, publishers, and journal titles are matched with existing items in the database and merged. For example, this means that LBO subscribers may click on an author name, and find all search results for that author that are available in open access as well as the premium edition of LBO. Unmatched variants or typos caused by incorrect OCR are matched manually.
- OCR accuracy is very good but not perfect. There are a small number of typos and on rare occasions some data may be displayed in the wrong field. It is not feasible to manually review each digital record and compare meticulously to the equivalent entry in the print volume. But a small margin of error in decades-old records is an acceptable price to pay for having them published electronically. Global search-and-replace corrections to reduce discrepancies even further will be performed before the completion of the retro-digitization project.
- As of March 2025, records from the 1975 yearbook will be published on LBO. The next batch from the 1974 yearbook is currently being prepared for import into the database. Work on the volumes covering the years 1939-1974 is progressing slower than planned because the physical print quality of these older volumes presents

serious and unexpected challenges for the OCR. Nevertheless, we expect to fully conclude the project in 2026.

The editorial team

The editorial team is always on the lookout for contributors, particularly for experts in Arabic, Baltic (Lithuanian, Latvian, Prussian etc.), Belarusian, Berber, Cornish. Potential contributors may be referred to brill.com/page/lbcontributor for more information.

Merger

In 2024, Brill merged with renowned German academic publisher De Gruyter to form De Gruyter Brill. In the new organizational structure of De Gruyter Brill there are now two Chief Publishing Officers, one based in Berlin and one based in Leiden.

The linguistics programs of Brill and De Gruyter (under the imprint Mouton) have been consolidated, to form the world's largest publishing program in linguistics. However, the imprints (brands) of serial publications such as book series, journals, and bibliographies will be maintained, so the end user will hardly notice any change. Likewise, the merger will not affect the production and publication of LB/LBO.



Chair Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World

Symposium on “the value of languages (to their users and communities)”

On June 5, 2024 a symposium on “the value of languages (to their users and communities)” was organized under the auspices of the Emeritus Professor of Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World, Prof. Dr. Felix Ameka.

Background

The main motivation for this symposium was to get some people around the table to discuss the value of languages, particularly the economic value of languages to speakers especially in marginalized communities. Some of the issues discussed included: Why do languages matter economically, and why should they matter to investors and industry who engage in economic activities in endangered and minority language speaking communities? What benefits are there for investors in promoting languages, especially those used in areas where they plant their factories? Even though languages are thought of as social and human capital, many of the minority and endangered languages are disadvantaged as their users find it difficult to make explicit the economic value of their languages. Moreover, these languages have no access to the formal economies within which they are used. They are extensively used in the informal economies, e.g. in local markets. Do investors need these languages then?

Speakers at this symposium:

Anne Pauwels, SOAS, University of London & The University of Melbourne; she spoke about The ‘economic’ value of maintaining minority languages. *The views and attitudes of minority language students in Australia and the United Kingdom*;

Marian Klamer, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics; she spoke about Language and wellbeing in superdiverse Indonesia.

Frieda Steurs, Secretary-General of CIPL, CEO of the Dutch Language Institute in Leiden spoke about: Language is business. On the value of language in our global world;

Nancy C. Kula, Leiden University Centre for Linguistics spoke about Local languages as drivers of socioeconomic growth in Eastern Africa.

Read their abstracts [here](#).



New chair holder



Prof. Dr. Rik van Gijn, the new chair holder for Ethnolinguistic Vitality and Diversity in the World began his teaching assignment in December 2024.

In his first month, he gave a keynote speech at the symposium “Ecología de lenguas y Pueblos americanos: documentación, investigación, revitalización” (Ecology of American languages and peoples: documentation, research, revitalization), entitled “El estudio de las lenguas indígenas sudamericanas: Pasado, presente y futuro” (The study of indigenous languages of South America: past, present and future). The conference, organized by RALSAS and the University of Azuay, in collaboration with CIPL, aimed to contribute to critical reflection on the concept of linguistic ecology from a humanities perspective. The chair holder's contribution focused on the diverse and changing linguistic landscape of South America, reasons why the linguistic and cultural heritage of South America is so valuable. He also discussed the activities that have been undertaken in the past to describe and protect this heritage, and where the priorities lie for the future. A Spanish version of the keynote speech can be found [here](#).

International Congress of Linguists

The 21st International Congress of Linguists was held from September 8 to 14, 2024 in Poznań. The event was hosted by Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań. The Chair of the Local Organising Committee was Prof. Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kołaczyk, Vice-Rector for Research at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, while Dr. Camiel Hamans served as the representative of CIPL. The leitmotif of the ICL 2024 congress was *Languages – Communities – Technologies*.

“We believe that this leitmotif attracted scholars investigating both world languages and local languages, including minority and endangered languages and sign languages as well as, on the other hand, experts in AI communication systems”, said Prof. Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kołaczyk at the official opening of the Congress.



Prof. Katarzyna Dziubalska-Kołaczyk and Prof. Camiel Hamans

The event included 11 plenary lectures, almost 20 workshops and about 30 thematic sessions divided into sections and focus streams. A plenary lecture by Prof. Frederick J. Newmeyer “Can one language be ‘more complex’ than another?” was open to the public. One of the thematic sessions was devoted to sign language. It was convened by Prof. Paweł Rutkowski and interpreted by a team of three sign language interpreters.

The congress was attended by 647 people, from 73 countries, including approx. 550 registered participants and 100 invited guests. The number of presentations (talks and posters) was approx. 520.

Congress participants enjoyed a wide range of social events, including a concert by Ray Wilson, a concert by Stan Breckenridge with the GLAM quartet, and a performance “Kupalnocka, mała nocka” (“Kupalnocka, little night”) by the AMU Chamber Choir conducted by Prof. Krzysztof Szydzisz. City walks around Poznań were also offered to the participants.

The congress was held under the honorary patronage of the Voivode of Greater Poland – Ms. Agata Sobczyk, the Marshal of the Wielkopolska Region – Mr. Marek Woźniak; the Mayor of Poznań – Mr. Jacek Jaśkowiak and Her Magnificence Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań – Prof. Bogumiła Kaniewska.

During the ICL 21 conference in Poznań, one of our very active members, viz. Dr. **Camiel Hamans**, associate Secretary-General, received the Medal for Distinguished Merit to the University of Adam Mickiewicz University (AMU).

The rector of the University, Prof. Bogumiła Kaniewska, specified that: "The award is in recognition of his long-standing cooperation with our University, specifically with the Faculty of English Studies. Dr. Camiel Hamans' commitment, openness and friendliness have resulted in numerous contacts and have created lasting partnerships and friendships."

Dr. Camiel Hamans' cooperation with AMU began in 1981 during the International Congress of Historical Linguistics organized by the AMU Institute of English Philology. Since then, the researcher has regularly participated in conferences on contrastive and historical linguistics organized by the Poznań Centre; he has taught a two-semester course in semantics and initiated efforts to establish a regular course in Dutch. Dr. Camiel Hamans was obtaining financial support from the Dutch Language Union to employ a Dutch language teacher at AMU. Thus, he built a lasting foundation for the development of the later Dutch specialization for students of English philology, which subsequently transformed into an independent Dutch studies programme. Dr. Camiel Hamans regularly visited Poznań, teaching, among other things, the history of the language, phonology and practical knowledge of Dutch. For four years, he was associated with the Department of Dutch and South African Studies at the Faculty of English as a senior lecturer and visiting professor. In 2021, Dr. Camiel Hamans donated a private book collection of several thousand volumes in general linguistics, historical linguistics, phonology, Dutch and Afrikaans linguistics and Dutch literature to the University.

The Medal for Merit to the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, recognizes long-standing cooperation with the University. It is awarded to, among others, initiators and pioneers of inter-university cooperation and individuals who have made a significant contribution to developing the University's scientific capital.



CIPL Awards 2024

During the General Assembly in Poznań, September 2024, the following prizes were awarded:

The Suwilai Premssirat Award (the former Endangered Languages Award) for excellent research in the field of language endangerment was awarded to Prof. Rob Amery.

Prof. Amery of Adelaide University in Australia has been working since the 1980s to reawaken Kurna, the indigenous language of Adelaide in Australia. This language went out of daily use in the 1860s, and was sleeping from 1929. Prof. Amery has worked very closely with the community to develop excellent materials for language learning and development, and supported a wide variety of community efforts to implement their use and raise the profile of this language and the Kurna community. Kurna is now used in a variety of settings.

The Ferenc Kiefer Award for the best Early Career Presentation at ICL21 was awarded to:

First prize: Ryan Lidster and Danielle Daidone: “The case for examining perceptual similarity of L2 sounds to each other”.

Second prize: David Gyorfi: “The diachronic expansion of perfective constructions in Kazakh”.

Third prize: Elwira Dexter-Sobkowiak: “Mestizoamerican linguistic area: Spanish as a source of convergence in Mesoamerica”.

The Stephen Wurm Award for the best poster at ICL21 was awarded to:

First prize: Eline Daveloose: “The Cappadocian relative clause: regional diversification in a typological patchwork”.

Second prize: Iva Petrak: “(Re)negotiation of national identity in the Croatian puristic discourse”.

Third prize: Joanna Śmiecińska and Olga Sakson-Obada: “Emotional and linguistic prosody recognition in schizophrenia patients”.

Newsletters

In 2024 two newsletters were published, in March and October.

These newsletters featured, among other things, an interview with Eva Hajicova, who has been representing the Czech linguistic world in CIPL for decades, served CIPL as member of the EC and organized the 17th ICL in Prague; also an interview with Yekaterina Yakovenko, who has taken the initiative to collect the proceedings and any other publications of the International Congresses of Linguists.

Furthermore we could read about the Pangloss collection (linguistic audio documents with a specialization in rare or less-studied languages), the Digital Pallas (an eighteenth-century multilingual Russian dictionary) and about the expansion of research infrastructures at linguistic.de.

Of course our newsletters contained messages of CIPL's member organizations.

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

Travel grants

In 2024 CIPL awarded seventeen PhD students a travel grant for an international conference presentation (including the special travel grants for ICL21).

Travel Grants Spring 2024

The scholarships have been awarded to: Aron Zahran (France), Erika Sajtós (Hungary), Irène Fally Vienna (Austria), Marcella Caprario (USA), Frances Dowle (UK), Nicolas Bunderson-Toler (Canada).

Their conference reports can be read at CIPL's website <https://ciplnet.com/news/travel-grants-spring-2024/>

Travel Grants Autumn/Winter 2024

The scholarships have been awarded to: Songjun He (UK), Vu-Thi-Phuong-Quyuh (Vietnam), Emma Kusuoba Pedavoah (Ghana), Jenna Rose Elliott (UK) and Noelia Ayelén Stetie (Argentina).

Their conference reports can be read at CIPL's website <https://ciplnet.com/news/travel-grants-autumn-winter-2024/>

Travel Grants for ICL21 in Poznań

The scholarships have been awarded to: Natalia Djajarahardja (Portugal), Max Bonke (Germany), Luisa Geib (Germany), Giuditta Avano (Italy), Wesley Kuhron Jones (USA), Godswill Uchechukwu (Hong Kong).

These six young linguists were given the opportunity to present their research at the 21st International Congress of Linguists, Poznań, 8-14 September 2024.

The travel grant is 500 euro. A jury chaired by Prof. Jacques Moeschler (Geneva) and comprising Prof. Brigit Bauer (Austin and MIP Nijmegen), Prof. Eno-Abasi Urua (Uyo, Nigeria) and Prof. Victoria Escandel Vidal (Madrid) selected these young colleagues.

Future priorities

Venue next ICL in 2028

During their meeting in April 2025 the Executive Committee decided to select Leiden, the Netherlands, as the venue for the 2028 International Congress of Linguists (23-29 July). The proposed title is: *World of Languages*.

In 2025 important decisions/preparations will be made regarding this Congress. Via CIPL's Newsletter and website we will keep our members and others informed.

New members

CIPL needs to increase their members around the world with a major focus on regions such as Oceania, SE Asia, Africa and South America as they are still underrepresented.

CIPL Archives

The SG has asked the Leiden University Library to help with the archives of CIPL. The idea is to ask students to digitize the archive, especially the files regarding the Congresses and Annual Reports.

Of some of the past 20 conferences the complete proceedings have been published, of others only the plenary presentations and of still others just a selection of papers. Prof. Yekaterina Yakovenko from the Institute of Linguistics of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow has taken it upon herself to check and collect what is available from the conferences. A first inventory has now been published on our website.

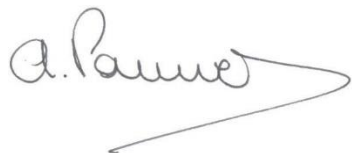
Visibility of CIPL

The new EC wants to make CIPL more visible in the world and will work on more communication channels, such as social media (LinkedIn, Instagram). Furthermore, the communication (website, newsletter) will be supported by a whole team.

Finances

Please find enclosed the Financial Statements. The 2024 Annual Report has been approved.

Leiden, December 31, 2024

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'a. Pauwels', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that tapers to a point on the right.

Prof. Anne Pauwels, President CIPL

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, stylized 'F' that loops around, with the name 'Steurs' written in a cursive script to its right.

Prof. Frieda Steurs, Secretary-General