

Minutes of the annual SLS business meeting
SLS-19, Provo, Ut, USA
Friday, August 16th 2024

Joseph F. Smith Building (room B002), College of Humanities, Brigham Young University (in person) / Zoom (virtual)

The SLS treasurer, Catherine Rudin, declared the meeting open at 4.00 p.m. local time (UTC -6).

The following points were addressed:

1. The outgoing chair of the SLS Executive Board, Marco Biasio, took the floor via Zoom to deliver his greetings to all on-site attendees in Provo; he also expressed his sincere regrets for missing his flight connection and apologized for not being able to join the meeting in person himself despite all the efforts. Marco then proceeded to thank the lead organizer of SLS-19, Jeff Parker, and all the members of the organizing team at BYU for agreeing to host the SLS annual meeting, as well as bringing off such an engaging and well-received conference;
2. On Marco's and the Board's behalf, Catherine congratulated this year's student travel award recipients, who included Martin Alldrick (University of Surrey), Miljana Čopa (Institut za srpski jezik SANU), Minsong He (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Hanae Matsuyama (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), and Luca Molinari (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia / Uniwersytet Warszawski);
3. Catherine presented the 2023 Charles E. Townsend Memorial Award to Niyaz Kireev (École normale supérieure – PSL) in recognition of the outstanding quality of his previous SLS talks, *Historical accentology can contribute to grammaticalization studies: evidence from Russian proclitics* (SLS-18; 2023) and *On alleged exceptions to 'Zaliznyak's rule': apocopation of unstressed vowels in Russian* (SLS-17; 2022), for which Niyaz had already received an honorable mention. The CET Award is given each year to a graduate student presenting at either of the two preceding SLS meetings, who has demonstrated the strongest long-term high-quality dedication and contribution to the field of Slavic Linguistics, and consists of a lifetime membership to the SLS, a subscription to the Journal of Slavic Linguistics, and publication privileges in the JSL.
Given the high number of impressive submissions that characterized last year's SLS meeting, the board unanimously decided to confer three honorable mentions to the following young scholars: Biljana Konatar (University of Washington), who presented a paper entitled *Contested ideologies and double standards? The case of Montenegro*; Luca Molinari (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia / Uniwersytet Warszawski), who delivered a talk (co-authored with Prof. Giuliana Giusti) entitled *The 'free not-so-free' ordering of adjectives in Slavic*; and Alexandra Kohut (Boston University) and Clara McMahon (City University of New York), who co-authored a paper entitled *Disambiguating double and single negation readings in Russian*. As recipients of an honorable mention, all these young scholars were granted a 1-year membership to the Slavic Linguistics Society;
4. On behalf of the local organizing team, SLS board member Jelena Živojinović reported on preliminary plans regarding SLS-20, which will take place at the University of Verona, Italy, possibly within the first half of September 2025 (more detailed information to follow). It was also confirmed that SLS-21 (2026) will be held at Seoul National University (South Korea) under the supervision of Eunji Song and previous SLS board member Hakyung Jung. Venues for later meetings are yet to be finalized; according to the usual rotation, SLS-22 (2027) should be organized in North America, but there is also a proposal to host either SLS-22 or SLS-23

(2028) at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University (Skopje, North Macedonia) under the supervision of current SLS webmaster Boban Karapejovski;

5. On behalf of the co-editor-in-chief Rok Žaucer, Franc Lanko Marušič reported on the JSL current status. A double issue with cover date 2023 has just appeared and was distributed to all SLS active subscribers; it is possible that more double issues of this kind will come out in the next future. Proceedings of FASL meetings will continue to be published as JSL special issues; the production of papers from FASL 30 (MIT, 2021) has now been completed. Franc encouraged all the attendees to submit their unpublished papers to the JSL; the acceptance rate (including FASL articles) is around 47%. New papers have already been accepted for future issues, including a guest edited issue on clitics;
6. Catherine reported to the audience in attendance on the annual Treasurer's report, whose details are available on request. Unlike previous years, when expenditures were kept to a minimum thanks to the online format of SLS meetings, this year income and expenditures are more or less balancing out, with the main costs being monetary support for SLS meetings, travel grants, and the annual CET award;
7. Elections were held to replace board members Marco Biasio and Aida Talić, whose three-year term expired this year. Bartłomiej Czaplicki (Uniwersytet Warszawski) and Igor Dreer (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) were elected. The other nominees were thanked for their willingness to serve.

The new board will convene online in mid-September to choose the recipient of the 2024 CET Award, as well as to elect a new chair.

8. As a final reminder, these are some of the major Slavic Linguistics conferences which will be held over the following weeks/months:
 - a. The session on Slavic Languages (hosted by Jadranka Gvozdanović) within the 21st *International Congress of Linguists* (Poznań, September 8th–14th 2024);
 - b. The 17th edition of *SinFonIJa* (*Syntax, Phonology, and Language Analysis*), which will be held at the University of Nova Gorica (September 26th–28th 2024; see <https://sites.google.com/view/sinfonija-17/home?authuser=0>);
 - c. The 17th edition of *Formal Description of Slavic Languages* (FDSL-17; Brno, November 20th–22th 2024; see <https://sites.google.com/view/fdsl-17>);
 - d. The 17th *International Congress of Slavists* (ICS 2025), to be held in Paris on August 25th–30th 2025 (<https://mks-paris.sciencesconf.org/?lang=en>).

The meeting was adjourned at 4.30 p.m. local time.

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Respectfully submitted,
Marco Biasio
Chair of the SLS Executive Board