

New Website

Work has been undertaken on CLSL's new website in Jan/Feb; it was launched in late February. The website more accurately represents the work of the CLSL with a greater focus on the research activities. We will contact members and associates and invite comments on and suggestions for improvements to the new Website.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

CLSL is very pleased to welcome *Dr Annabelle Lukin* as a new Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Annabelle, who completed her PhD at Macquarie and went on to lecture and do research at the University of Sydney and UTS, commenced her Fellowship in January and will be undertaking research on *Reporting war: mapping meaning and the potential for bias in the news*.

PhD submission/awards

Stephen Moore awarded PhD
(Supervisor D. Butt)

Astika Kappagoda awarded PhD
with VC's commendation
(Supervisor D. Butt)

February & the Grant Factory

The CLSL made three submissions for major grants in February. David Butt, Russell Meares (Psychiatry Westmead) and Alison Moore submitted a proposal to the NHMRC and a related proposal to the ARC for the project 'What's in a conversation: discourse correlates of therapeutic talk'. Beth Armstrong, Christian Matthiessen and others submitted a proposal to the ARC on 'Use of evaluative language among speakers with aphasia'.

In addition, Alison Moore is a CI on a submission to the ARC led by Ian Kerridge (CVELIM, U. Sydney): 'An empirical investigation into direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription pharmaceuticals in Australia.

CLSL members have submitted a project proposal to CityU Hong Kong with Jonathan Webster.

New projects for 2005

Reporting war: mapping meaning and the potential for bias in the news. Annabelle Lukin, Funded by Macquarie University Research Fellowship Awards, 2005-2007.





End-of life discussions in palliative care, Chief Investigator Dr Josephine Clayton, USyd; Macquarie Partner Investigator Alison Moore. NHMRC 2005-6.

Safety net funding has also been received for two projects resubmitted this year, the *Discourse correlates of psychotherapy* project, and the *Direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals* project.

Research Project Updates

RIKEN Project: Intelligent language-based computing. Completed final project report (Matthiessen, Butt, Wu, Halliday, Teruya).

ARC Discovery Project: Systemic Safety in Surgery. Completed Round 1 of data collection: ethnographic observation of surgical lists at Nepean Hospital (Butt, Moore and Cartmill, Dept. Surgery USyd/Nepean Hospital).

Explaining risk in genetic counselling for women with high familial risk of breast cancer.

A flip-chart communication tool has been piloted and is being made widely available. 2 papers to be submitted soon (Moore & Butt for MU, with Liz Lobb, Phyllis Butow and other colleagues from Sydney U., Curtin U., Genetics Education Centre, and elsewhere).

Scholarly Exchanges

Professor Erich Steiner has been a visitor at CLSL over the Christmas/ New Year period. Professor Steiner, from

Universität des Saarlandes Saabrücken, who is a leading authority on computational linguistics in a multilingual environment and Systemic Functional Linguistics, gave talk at the CSIRO-hosted HAIL seminar on 8 Feb, entitled 'Explicitness, density, directness of lexicogrammatical encoding – some implications for situations of language contact and multilinguality'.

Marianne Sanberg from Vaxjo University, Sweden, has completed her 5-month visit as a Visiting Researcher and returned home on 1 March to finish writing up her doctoral thesis. During her visit Marianne worked with Geoff Williams on analyses of the language of websites constructed by academics and students in linguistics departments.

Dr Maria Lirola from the Department of English Philology, University of Alicante in Spain is currently visiting CLSL. Maria's research interests include the discourse of men and women in institutional settings, gender differences in discourse structure across cultures, marked word order in Australian writers, and the various ways to highlight context in Academic Writing for the purposes of teaching contextually appropriate writing. She is interested in systemic functional linguistics. During her stay Maria hopes to participate in courses and is available to present at seminars.

Professor Chris Candlin has, since our last bulletin, been engaged in visits to China, Japan, Hong Kong and Cardiff at Centre for Health Communication, and more recently Mexico.



Professor Christian Matthiessen has engaged in scholarly exchanges with Universität des Saarlandes, and a number of other German universities specialising in computation. In December he was heavily involved in the 3rd International Seminar-cum-Workshop on English Grammar (ISWEG-III) Acharya Nagarjuna University, India; the 2nd International Congress on English Grammar, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, India; and related meetings.

Publications

A Special Issue of ARAL (Australian Review of Applied Linguistics) S19 will appear in late February on 'Language and Social Life: Functional Perspectives', which includes a contribution from *Matthiessen, Lukin & Butt* of CLSL (with Chris Cleireigh and Chris Nesbitt from UTS) on a case study of multistratal analysis (pizza hut orders) and a contribution from *Moore* on modelling agency in HIV medical consultations.

Stephen Moore has published a piece on his PhD research in the Phnom Penh Post, available at www.phnompenhpost.com.

Since our last bulletin

Papers were given by *10 CLSL members* at the International Systemic Functional Congress Kyoto, in September.

Ernest Akerejola presented a paper at the 16th Euro-International Systemic Functional Linguistics Workshop, Madrid, Spain, in July.

Ernest Akerejola assisted with the organisation of the First Nigerian Systemic Functional Linguistic Association of Nigeria, University of Zaria, and presented at the pre-conference workshop in August.

CLSL post-grads gave presentations at The Division of Linguistics and Psychology Post Graduate Research Festival in December.

Professor Christian Matthiessen and *Dr Geoff Williams* have plenaries at the conference 'Reclaiming Knowledge: Registers of discourse in the community and school' in Sydney in December.

Coming Up...

The CLSL's AGM is to be held on 2 March 2005, and agenda papers have been distributed.

COMET Conference to be co-hosted by CLSL and the Centre for Values Ethics and the Law in Medicine, USyd, in June-July 2005. Conference website www.comet-velim.org

CLSL will host the 2005 Institute: Resourcing Researchers and Tooling Teachers, in association with the 2005 ISFC, from 11-15 July. It will be held at the international College of Tourism and Hotel Management at Manly, a unit of Macquarie University.