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SLE 2024 conference in Bordeaux Conference report

The conference in Bordeaux was a success. Participants were enthusiastic. Below we present the conference report. See pp. 2-3.

Research grants

The SLE offers research grants. Eligible candidates should be SLE members at the time of applying for the grants. Application deadline is 15 December 2026. See p. 8.

SLE 2026

Preparations for the SLE 2026 conference are on track.

The general call for papers is open. Deadline: 15 Jan.

SLE needs you – become a reviewer for the annual meetings. See p. 6

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SLE is pleased to announce a vacancy for Editor-in-Chief of *Folia Linguistica Historica*. See p. 10.

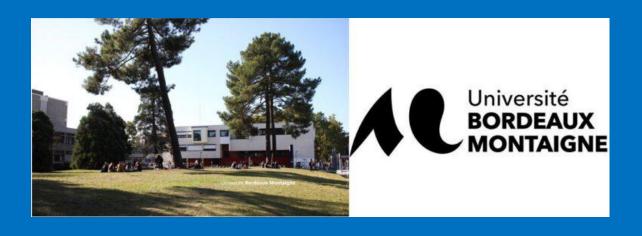
Minutes of the Annual Members' Meeting

Download <u>here</u> from the Members' Area.

SLE and armed conflicts

To address concerns regarding the inclusion of members from regions affected by conflict, we would like to reaffirm that SLE was established as an organisation promoting free and open scientific exchange across borders. Our mission is to provide a platform for discussing linguistics regardless of national origin or political circumstances. Accordingly, SLE does not take steps to exclude members based on nationality or institutional affiliation.

During SLE conferences, we adhere to the policies of the local organising institution and relevant European regulations concerning scientific cooperation with countries involved in armed conflicts or regarded as endangering peace. In practice, this may mean that institutional affiliations will not always be displayed on the conference website or in any official materials. The same principles apply to the conferral of the best presentation and poster awards.



SLE 2025 conference in Bordeaux: a brief report

The members' evaluation of the 58th SLE 2025 conference in Bordeaux indicates that a clear majority had a positive experience and considered the event to be very well organized. The workshops drew strong attendance, the presentations were appreciated for their high quality, and the atmosphere for being welcoming and friendly. Here are two voices from the participants:

"The presence in the same place and time of so many linguists and the opportunities for interaction. The quality of the presentations."

"Great talks, as always, and very good organization"

Thank you as well for your input and suggestions – we will take them into account for future SLE conferences.



In the post-conference questionnaire, both the general session chairs and the workshop convenors reported that everything related to their roles went smoothly. To improve the workflow for future conferences, a roadmap for workshop convenors has been created and is now available on the SLE 2026 page under the "List of Workshops" tab. Since the two-step evaluation procedure for workshops was not always considered ideal, the EC will explore alternative options for SLE 2027.

Award Winners SLE 2025 Conference Bordeaux

Best Postdoc paper

- 1. Alexandra Bosshard (University of Zurich): Processing perspectives on animal call compositionality.
- 2. Victor Bogren Svensson (Lund University; Academia Sinica): Voice Syncretism in Takituduh Bunun.
- 3. Tom Ennever (Surrey Morphology Group, University of Surrey): <u>The diachrony of mistaken belief</u> markers in Ngumpin-Yapa languages (Australia).

Best PhD student paper

- 1. Elena Shvedova (HSE University of Moscow, Linguistic Convergence Laboratory): <u>Lability drift in Modern Aramaic languages</u>.
- 2. Shared second place:

Yuqi Yin (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI): <u>Conceptualization of event packaging in Chinese Action-Motion Serial Verb Construction</u>.

Elia Calligari (University of Pavia): <u>The Northern Samoyedic predestinative: Quantitative and areal evidence of grammaticalization</u>

Best Poster presentation

- 1. Lidia Federica Mazzitelli (University of Naples L'Orientale): <u>The functional load of lenition in some</u> Oceanic and Papuan languages of Island Melanesia.
- 2. Janek Vaab (University of Tartu): <u>Variation in the realisation of a glottal stop in Leivu South Estonian</u>.
- 3. Laurène Barbier (Laboratoire Dynamique Du Langage CNRS, Université Lumière Lyon 2): <u>"Upwards towards the forest and away from the river": the Upper Negidal absolute orientation system and the role of rivers in the expression of direction</u>.

2025 SLE Awards for publications

Anna Siewierska Award: for the best Folia or Folh paper

Jesús Olguín Martínez (2024). The interaction of standard negation in clauses of substitution: A typological account. *Folia Linguistica* 58 (1): 157–190.

Eugenio Coseriu Award: for an outstanding research monograph by a junior scholar which makes a significant contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics.

Carmelo Alessandro Basile. (2024). *Modality in Contact: Necessity and Obligation in New Englishes*. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter Mouton (Language Contact and Bilingualism 36).

SLE 2026 Osnabrück 59th Annual SLE Meeting

https://societaslinguistica.eu/sle2026/



SLE 2026:

Osnabrück University

(26 – 29 August 2026; Chair: Alexander Bergs) See the conference's website here.

The deadline for all abstracts is 15 January 2026 (the call can be found here, and below).

Chair of workshops: Anetta Kopecka

Chair of the general session: Peter Arkadiev

Plenary speakers:

- Maria Koptjevskaja Tamm, Presidential address
- Steffen Hoeder, plenary speaker
- Alexandra Bosshard, winner of the Best Postdoc paper at SLE 2025
- Elena Shvedova, winner of the Best PhD paper at SLE 2025



ROUND TABLE: "May contain (strong) language" – linguistics at the intersection of free speech and verbal aggression

Speakers: Elin McCready, Kate Burridge and Lynne Tirrell

Moderator: Bernd Kortmann

Please check the call for workshops at <u>Second call for papers – SLE 2026</u> and the current list of workshop proposals "in the making" at <u>List of workshops – SLE 2026</u>. Note that the proposals in this list have not been submitted yet; they need at least 8 abstracts to be ready for submission. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **20th November**. If you consider submitting a proposal, have a look at the roadmap for workshop convenors.

CALL FOR GENERAL SESSION PAPERS AND POSTERS ABSTRACTS:

Abstracts are submitted to EasyChair via the <u>SLE Members' Area</u>. Please keep in mind that SLE is a members' association run by and for members. Hence, submitters have to be SLE members to submit an abstract. For SLE membership, please click <u>here</u>. Abstracts submitted by non-members will not be considered. The deadline for all abstracts is 15 January 2026. Notification of acceptance will be given by 31 March 2026.

Abstracts should clearly state the research questions, approach, method, data and (expected) results. They should not contain the names of the presenters, nor their affiliations or addresses, or any other information that could reveal their authorship. They should not exceed 500 words (including examples, excluding references). Abstracts should have the same title as the entry submitted via EasyChair.

Presentations will last 20 minutes, allowing 5 min. for discussion and 5 min. for speaker and room changes.

At SLE conferences there are **PRIZES** for the following categories (see Award winners 2025, p. 3):

- best oral presentation by a PhD student,
- best oral presentation by a postdoc, and
- best poster.

Applicants can mark the option for each of the award categories in EasyChair upon abstract submission.

Next venues:

SLE 2027:

University of Košice

(25 – 28 August. Chair: Lívia Körtvélyessy)

SLE 2028:

University of Turin

(Chair: Livio Gaeta)

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SLE needs YOU – Become a reviewer (PC member)

As mentioned on p. 2, the SLE 2025 participants very much appreciated the high quality of the conference presentations. But to make sure that we selected the most promising abstracts, many people worked hard, and some people worked incredibly hard: 7 reviewers got about 30 abstracts to review on their plate, and some of these people were already involved in other parts of the organization of the annual meeting. The only reason they reviewed so many abstracts was because we missed reviewers.

As a rule, the Scientific Committee does not allocate more than 20 abstracts per member of the Programme Committee (PC); ideally each PC member evaluates fewer than 15 abstracts. This means that with 700 submissions (we had slightly more the last years), we need 140 reviewers to keep it under 15 for everyone. However, as some PC members do not agree to review more than 5 and some others withdraw last minute, we need 200 to 210 reviewers to keep the evaluation process manageable. As we write this newsletter, we have 96 reviewers who have accepted the invitation to EasyChair and have selected their topics...

So, to all members with a doctoral degree: we need you to keep the organisation of our annual meetings healthy! Please take your responsibility and volunteer as a reviewer – please register via this form.

Online Autumn lecture

This year's Autumn lecture will take place on Thursday **27 November at 5 pm CET**. As announced in July, it will be a joint lecture by Leena Kolehmainen (University of Helsinki), Philipp Krämer (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Ulrike Vogl (Universiteit Gent). Please find their abstract below.

Closing doors: Universities restructuring their language training programs

Across Europe, universities have been scaling back or closing their language programmes. This trend has far-reaching consequences for students, researchers, societies and international collaboration. In our presentation, we will introduce our ongoing research project, which aims to map these developments, understand where and why they are happening and assess their impact on diversity in language education.

In our talk, we will report the preliminary findings of our questionnaire survey. Through this survey, we gathered insights from staff at numerous European higher education institutions. Their responses provide valuable information about the reasons behind closures, the strategies universities use to cope with them, and their effect on language learning, teaching, and research.

The questionnaire is still open, and new responses can still be submitted <u>here</u>.

Link Zoom: https://umu.zoom.us/j/67343659895

Call for proposals

The organization of online lectures is a community-driven activity of the SLE. Members take the initiative to promote research (lines) close to them. Specifically, a group of five SLE members can propose a speaker and topic to the Executive Committee via <u>this form</u>. Proposals can be submitted at any time of the year. We aim to have at least one online lecture per season apart from the summer, when we have our annual meeting. We are currently looking for speakers for the **Winter** and **Spring lectures** of the current academic year.

Siewierska and André Martinet awards



Anna Siewierska Award 2026 (annual) for the best FL or FoLH paper.

This award does not require an application. All articles published in FL and FoLH in 2025 are eligible.

Award Committee: Livio Gaeta (chair), Viviana Masia, Maria Napoli, Gunther Kaltenböck, Nikolaus Ritt



(Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/) André Martinet Award 2026 (biannual) for an outstanding research monograph by a senior scholar which makes a significant contribution to the development of our understanding of language and linguistics.

Books must be first published in 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.

Award Committee: Silvia Luraghi (chair), Karen Lahousse, Ianthi Tsimpli, Guglielmo Inglese, Seppo Kittilä

Deadline: 28 February 2026 (see SLE website)

Selection criteria for the André Martinet Award:

- Novelty and originality
- Depth and breadth of the study, both theoretically and empirically
- · Relevance for further research in the field
- Clarity (arguments are clearly presented; text is comprehensible to a broad audience)

Award submissions should be sent to to the SLE Secretary, Maria Rosenberg (sle.secretary@g.unibuc.ro).

Research grants



- Two junior researcher/early career researcher research grants
- Two doctoral candidate research grants
- One joint initiatives grant

The SLE offers research grants for <u>early career researchers</u>, <u>PhD students</u> and <u>joint initiatives</u>. Members who want to apply should <u>login to the members' page</u>, look for the *Fill in the Application Form (online)* (under "What can I do in the members' area?"), and click the link.

Next Application deadline: 15 December 2025 Notification of the selection: 15 January 2026

Application:

- > a document proving the status of the applicant
- > a short CV (max. 1 page, Calibri 11)
- ➤ a research project proposal including the aims, scope and relevance of the project (max. 2 pages, Calibri 11)
- motivation letter that describes how the funding will be used and how it will help advance the project a budget proposal (for a total of €2,000) (max. 1 page, Calibri 11)

The application will be peer reviewed for scientific merit by the Award Committee members. A written financial report will need to be submitted upon the completion of the grant by the end of the year.

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SLE's journals





YOUR ACCESS TO FOLIA LINGUISTICA (HISTORICA)

In 2024, the SLE signed a new contract with De Gruyter Mouton. Both *Folia Linguistica* and *Folia Linguistica Historica* will be Open Access by Subscription starting with 2026.

More information on De Gruyter's Subscribe to Open programme can be found here.

Access to earlier issues can be obtained via the Members' area.

New descriptions of objectives

The EC has worked on updating the descriptions of the SLE's journals, and has agreed on the following formulation:

Folia Linguistica and Folia Linguistica Historica are the peer-reviewed journals of the Societas Linguistica Europaea (SLE). Each volume consists of two issues of Folia Linguistica, one issue of Folia Linguistica Historica, and one Special Issue.

Folia Linguistica is dedicated to advancing research in general linguistics, with a particular emphasis on the synchronic study of language. The journal provides a platform for theoretical, cross-linguistic, and descriptive research that explores linguistic structures and their functions across the world's languages, as well as the use of language in social, cognitive, and communicative contexts. Even when focusing on individual languages and/or on specific phenomena within a single language, papers are expected to be framed within more general approaches to human language and communication and be thus of interest for a broader linguistic community.

While *Folia Linguistica* embraces a broad coverage of research on core areas of linguistic inquiry, it does not consider submissions that primarily address Second Language Acquisition, Artificial Intelligence applications, or psychological and neurophysiological experimentation on language processing. Authors pursuing these topics are encouraged to submit their papers to more specialized journals.

Folia Linguistica Historica is exclusively devoted to empirically based diachronic linguistics of all language families, from various theoretical perspectives. Papers should be directed towards a general linguistic audience, offering a contribution to our understanding of language change and to methodological aspects in the field of diachronic linguistics.

Since the editorial staff is managing a very high number of articles focused on specific language subfamilies, and in order to ensure a more balanced representation of the spectrum of languages covered by Folia Linguistica, it is at the discretion of the editorial team to desk-reject any submission that would lead to an overrepresentation of a language and its varieties.

Vacancy

SLE is looking for an Editor-in-Chief of Folia Linguistica Historica

The current Editor, Maria Napoli, will step down at the end of August 2026. To ensure a smooth transition from one editorial office to the next, the SLE is looking to appoint a new editor by 1 March 2026. Maria Napoli and the new Editor will then prepare the 2026 issue of *Folia Linquistica Historica* together.

Job description for Editor-in-Chief of Folia Linguistica Historica:

The journal welcomes work from various theoretical perspectives with a specific focus on diachronic linguistics.

- Folia Linguistica Historica publishes one issue per year, about 300 pages long.
- The Editor-in-Chief is supported by one or two Associate Editors, as well as an Editorial Board, which is actively involved in the first selection of submissions.
- Responsibilities of the editor include:
 - Appointing an Editorial Board;
 - Creating and maintaining the journal's guidelines;
 - Organization of the review of manuscripts;
 - Coordination with De Gruyter Mouton;
 - Taking care of special issues, in collaboration with the Folia Linguistica Editor;
 - Ensuring that manuscripts are submitted to peer review and language polishing;
 - Ensuring timely and orderly publication;
 - o Participating in the SLE Executive Committee.
- The editor serves for a period of three years and may be re-elected for one term.

Application for Editor-in-Chief of Folia Linguistica Historica

If you are interested to start this position from 1 March 2026 in parallel with Maria Napoli, please send your short CV (1 page) and motivation letter (1 page) to the SLE Secretary, Maria Rosenberg (sle.secretary@g.unibuc.ro) by 10 January 2026. Put the CV and motivation letter together in one document that bears your name. The Nominating Committee will make a decision before 15 February 2026. The official election will ensue at the Business Meeting of the SLE 2026 conference in Osnabrück.

NEW Call for proposals

Special issue of Folia Linguistica or Folia Linguistica Historica 2027

Thematic issue with introduction by the guest editors. Special issues may, but need not, come out of SLE workshops

Deadline for proposals: 1 –12 –2025 Notification: 15 – 01 – 2026

Submissions should be sent to the editors-in-chief, Viviana Masia (<u>viviana.masia@uniroma3.it</u>) and Maria Napoli (<u>maria.napoli_folh@uniupo.it</u>)

PROPOSALS SHOULD CONTAIN:

- A description of the research topic, including a brief status quaestionis;
- The research questions to be addressed;
- A list of prospective contributors + titles of papers + abstracts (300 to 500 words);
- A short account of how the proposed contributions address the research questions/research topic.

SOME FURTHER PARTICULARS:

- Maximum length: 250 pages (average word count per page is 350).
- The Special Issue should comprise an introduction by the guest editors.
- Guest editors can be (co-)author of one article.
- Contributions to Special Issues will be subject to the same reviewing procedure as regular submissions, that
 is, blind peer-review by two reviewers external to the issue. The guest editors are responsible for the
 selection of peer reviewers.
- The Special Issue will be published in the second half of 2027.

Folia Linguistica Historica. Volume 46 Issue 1 (2025)

Articles

Sommerer, Lotte and Zehentner, Eva. *Go to church or die in prison*: PPs with bare institutional nouns in the history of English.

Etebari, Zahra. Possessives as source of definite articles? Diachronic evidence from Persian.

Mohammadirad, Masoud and Öpengin, Ergin. Lenition of voiced stops in Kurdish.

Mondéjar-Pérez, Ana. Third-person singular present tense inflectional variation in Medieval and Early Modern English scientific texts: a corpus-based study.

Dér, Csilla Ilona. The emergence of stand-alone insubordinate conditional clauses in Hungarian.

Fanego, Teresa, Johnston, Seamus and Blanco-Suárez, Zeltia. Tracing the origins and grammaticalization path of Irish English habitual *do V*: an analysis of the 1641 Depositions.

Van Hulle, Sven and Enghels, Renata. The diachronic development of the inchoative construction in Spanish: a case of constructionalization.

Salaberri, Iker. Negative correlative coordination in Indo-European: emergence, evolution and variability.

Book Reviews

Johannsen, Berit (review of Yao 2024: The present perfect and the preterite in Late Modern and Contemporary English. A corpus-based study of grammatical change)

Krajewska, Dorota and Eneko Zuloaga (review of Bengtson 2021: Basque and its closest relatives. A new paradiam)

Freiberg, Cassandra (review of Roussou and Probert 2023: Ancient and medieval thought on Greek enclitics).

Cognola, Federica (review of Oppermann 2025: Coordination structures in Old and Middle High German)

Program Review

Krause, Todd. IE10.com. Reconstructing Latin inscriptions with Aeneas.

Folia Linguistica. Volume 59 Issue 2 - 6 August 2025

Special Issue: Left and right peripheries in discourse (Guest Editors: Matthias Klumm and Augustin Speyer)

Editorial

Matthias Klumm and Augustin Speyer. Left and right peripheries in discourse: an introduction.

Articles

Diana Lewis. Between core and periphery: the development in English of a modal adverb, an evaluative adverb and a discourse connector.

Ozan Mustafa and Gunther Kaltenböck. The emergence of *last I checked* fragments: a story of shifting allegiance.

Mathilde Pinson. Left-peripheral bottom line sequences.

Marco Coniglio and Sergio Monforte. Peripheral versus non-peripheral optative particles.

Jan Heegård Petersen. Adverbials in Extra-left position in spoken Danish.

Nico Lehmann, Vahid Mortezapour, Motahare Sameri, Elisabeth Verhoeven and Aria Adli. Right-peripheral subjects in German and Persian across registers.

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Articles

Antonio Daniele. Detecting angloversal tendencies in the outer circle: a pilot study on a Maltese English speaker.

Jingfang Wu and Yuhong Liu. On the construal of MUSIC IS MOTION metaphor.

Linlin Sun and Walter Bisang. Multifunctionality matters: preverbal you in Mandarin and its aspectual potential.

Igor Mel'čuk. Voice, impersonal construction, and zero lexeme: formalization of crucial notions.

Merve Savaş, Senanur Kahraman Beğen, İlayda Çelik Başoğlu, Berfin Aktan and Özlem Öge-Daşdöğen. Comparison of micro- and macro- structural narrative features between Turkish-Kurdish bilinguals and Turkish monolinguals.

Nathan M. White Quantifier float in Hmong. Pascal Coenen Non-canonical quantification in Old Persian: the adverb *vasai*.

Dorota Molin. Intransitive clause word order in Neo-Aramaic: information structure, pragmatics and word order shifts.

Chunhong Yang, Yuanyuan Zhang and Youqi Zheng. How grammatical constructions contribute to responsibility attribution in GBV coverage: a corpus-assisted study.

Yang Xiao and Matthias Gerner. Middle voice in Cháoyáng Mǐn.

Katsuo Tamaoka, Shaoyun Yu, Jingyi Zhang, Koji Miwa and Masatoshi Koizumi. Constructing a web-accessible lexical database for core Tongan vocabulary.

Víctor Royo Viñuales and An Van linden. Beyond hypothetical manner: a functional typology of insubordinate *como si-*clauses.

Maksim Melenchenko. Numeral systems in Lezgic languages.

Virna Fagiolo. Revisiting Hittite prayer lexicon: a focus on heteroclitic nouns and light verb constructions.

Giulia Giunta, Maria Roccaforte, Nausicaa Pouscoulous and Edoardo Lombardi Vallauri. Presupposition: accepted information or embraced beliefs? The role of informative function and trigger type in separating two levels of accommodation.

Allegra Robertson Molinaro. Laryngealized vowels in Yánesha': a phonetic description and subsegmental analysis.

Wout Van Praet, Liesbeth Degand and An Van linden. As if grammar, discourse and prosody don't interact: a comparative study of hypothetical manner clauses in English and Dutch.

Thanasis Georgakopoulos and Marialena Lavda. A corpus based behavioral profile analysis of polysemy and antonymy: the case of the ancient Greek size adjectives *mikrós* and *mégas*.

Book Reviews

David Liebesman and Ryan Nefdt (review of Ryan Nefdt: Language, Science, and Structure).

Ruochen Li and Haijuan Yan (review of Christian M.I.M. Matthiessen & Kazuhiro Teruya: *Systemic Functional Linguistics: A Complete Guide*)

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We thank the outgoing SLE Officers for their fabulous service: Eva Schultze-Berndt (Vice-President), Silvia Luraghi (EC-member), Karolina Grzech (head of the SC), and Yvonne Treis (head of the NC).

Call for papers for Third Language Acquisition and Multilingualism 14

The 14th International Conference on Third Language Acquisition and Multilingualism will be held on 2–5 September 2026 at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. The conference chairs are Magdalena Wrembel, Anna Balas, and Kamil Długosz. The Call for Papers is open. More information about the conference can be found here: https://iaml3conference2026.web.amu.edu.pl/.

News from CIPL

The SLE is a member of CIPL, *Comité International Permanent des Linguistes*. Their Autumn newsletter, with interesting travel grant opportunities for participation in a linguistics conference (for PhD students only), can be found on CIPL's website via this <u>link</u>.

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