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## EURALEX NEWSLETTER



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### The EURALEX Newsletter

This quarterly Newsletter is intended to include not only official announcements but also news about EURALEX members, their publications, projects, and (it is hoped) their opinions, and news about other lexicographical organizations. Please try to support this by sending newsletter contributions to Anne Dykstra at the email address above. The deadlines for spring (March), summer (June), autumn (September), and winter (December) issues are respectively 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, and 15 October annually.

### The EURALEX Web Site

The URL of the EURALEX web site is [www.euralex.org](http://www.euralex.org).

### Paul Bogaards (1940–2012)

Our dedicated colleague, Paul Bogaards, editor of the *International Journal of Lexicography* (IJL), passed away at his home in the Netherlands on October 3, 2012 after a brief illness. Paul was editor of IJL from 2003 to 2012 and an ex-officio member of the EURALEX Executive Board during that ten-year period.

Paul Bogaards was born in Leiden, the Netherlands, in 1940. His entire life he was interested in French. He studied French, general linguistics and Italian at Leiden University between 1961 and 1968, and began his teaching career as a French teacher in a secondary school in Heemstede in 1964. He remained there as both a teacher and principal until 1973, when he moved to Amsterdam to teach French, linguistics and language pedagogy at a teacher-training institute for the following three years. In 1976, he returned to Leiden University, as a teacher and researcher in the Department of French. While at Leiden, he was very active in the language acquisition programme, and his main areas of research were in the fields of applied linguistics and lexicology. Between 1976 and

1985, he was editor of *Levende Talen* ('Living Languages', a journal for language teachers). Also while working at Leiden, he defended his Ph.D. dissertation on foreign language teaching at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 1982. Soon afterwards, in 1985, he began a long and successful relationship with the Van Dale and Robert publishing houses, as general editor of a series of French / Dutch bilingual dictionaries. Paul retired from Leiden University in 2002, and retired from active dictionary editing in 2008. He succeeded Anthony Cowie as editor of the *International Journal of Lexicography* in 2003, and was editor until his untimely death.

Paul's research covered a wide range of topics related to dictionaries. He was particularly interested in dictionaries as a tool in foreign language teaching, and many of his papers discuss this in relation to learning French. A list of his main publications may be found at the conclusion of this obituary.

As editor of IJL, Paul Bogaards was instrumental in insuring the excellence of articles published. Building on the foundations laid by Robert Ilson and Anthony Cowie, it is fair to say that Paul helped to make the journal truly international in nature and helped it to embrace the age of electronic dictionaries. Although in its origins EURALEX and IJL may have had a special relationship with English lexicography, as the journal has developed over the years the number of languages and typology of issues related to dictionaries has increased dramatically. The three Associate editors of IJL that Paul chose to work with—Thierry Fontenelle, Robert Lew, and Carla Marello—reflect the broad view of lexicography that Paul took, and the journal he leaves is stronger for it.

On a more personal note, those of us who worked with Paul knew him to be warm, easygoing, and engaging. He knew how to put people at ease, which explains how he was able to quickly win the respect of everyone, even though his position as journal editor inherently meant that he would be passing judgement on others' work. Paul had a wonderful sense of humour that lightened many routine discussions. The highly amusing Lexicographical Calendar that marked the 25th anniversary of IJL reminds us all of Paul's wit. Those of us who were lucky enough to spend time with Paul at social events enjoyed his company immensely. I cannot help but remember the EURALEX Board stroll in Turin, Barcelona, Leeuwarden, and Oslo, with Paul leading the way in his Panama hat. I know I speak for the entire Board when I say he will be missed dearly, most especially because even in Oslo we were all unaware of his illness.

Paul's contributions to EURALEX were many, and he continued to work on IJL right up until his illness prevented him from doing so. His hand is very present in this issue commemorating the journal's 25th anniversary. Anne Dykstra was able to travel to see Paul at his home shortly before his passing, so as to ensure the publication schedule of IJL would not be altered. Such dedication to EURALEX and the journal, even under dire circumstances, came

to no surprise to those of us who knew Paul personally. Anne was also able to represent EURALEX at Paul's funeral. Paul Bogaards will be sorely missed by the whole EURALEX community, and we take this opportunity to extend our deepest sympathy to his widow Ingrid, his children and grandchildren, and to the rest of his family.

Janet DeCesaris  
EURALEX President, 2012–2014

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### End of print dictionaries at Macmillan

Macmillan has announced that, from 2013, it will no longer be publishing dictionaries in book form. It will focus instead on its expanding range of digital resources. Michael Rundell, Editor-in-Chief of the Macmillan dictionary list, sees this as both inevitable and entirely positive. He regards the printed book as a very limiting medium, and increasingly out of step with the way people look for information in the second decade of the 21st century. While printed reference books are out of date as soon they go on sale, an online dictionary can be kept fully up to date. More than this, the digital medium allows dictionary publishers to provide valuable additional resources, like audio pronunciations, interactive games, and a thesaurus function. As well as all these, Macmillan has a crowd-sourced dictionary (the 'Open Dictionary') fed by users from all over the world, and an active blog with four or five new posts every week on language-related issues. Michael says he was struck by one of the findings reported at the recent Euralex Congress in Gilles-Maurice de Schryver's plenary: his analysis of papers in the Euralex archive showed that the word 'look up' had declined in frequency and been overtaken by 'search'. This is the world that dictionaries belong to now. For more details, see the post on this subject in Macmillan's blog: <http://www.macmillandictionaryblog.com/bye-print-dictionary>.

## Conference announcements

### *Electronic lexicography in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: thinking outside the paper (eLex 2013).*

The third biennial conference on electronic lexicography, eLex 2013, will take place from 17–19 October 2013 in Tallinn, Estonia. The conference is organized by the Institute of the Estonian Language (Estonia) and Trojina, Institute for Applied Slovene Studies (Slovenia).

Confirmed keynote speakers:

- Gregory Grefenstette (EXALEAD, France)
- Mike Kellogg (Wordreference.com, USA)
- Annette Klosa (Institut für Deutsche Sprache, Mannheim)
- Arvi Tavast (Institute of the Estonian Language)

The previous two eLex conferences have included presentations on many innovative approaches to presenting lexicographic information, however there were, perhaps unavoidably, still discussions on the differences between paper and electronic dictionaries, as well as comparisons of their advantages and disadvantages. Such discussions merely take away the focus from the actual task at hand – to find different ways on how to exploit the rich potential of the electronic medium in order to respond (quickly) to the needs of the new types of users, as well as to the needs of modern lexicographers, to forget about conventional approaches and be innovative, to conceptualize the dictionary with an electronic format in mind; in other words, ‘to think outside the paper’.

Deadline for abstract submission (300-500 words) is *15 December 2012*. More information on the submission process is available on the conference website at <http://eki.ee/elex2013>.

Looking forward to seeing you in Tallinn.  
eLex 2013 organizing committee.

### **19th Biennial Conference of the Dictionary Society of North America**

The 19th Biennial Conference of the Dictionary Society of North America will be held May 23–25, 2013 at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. Abstracts for papers on any topic relating to the history, theory or practice of lexicography are welcome. Abstracts for papers about bilingual lexicography are especially encouraged.

Abstract submissions for 20-minute papers should be sent to Professor Don McCrea at [mccreary@uga.edu](mailto:mccreary@uga.edu) no later than January 10, 2013. For more information and updates, please see the conference’s website <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/conferences-events/register/dsna>.

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All presenters of conference papers must be members of DSNA. For more information about DSNA membership, please consult the DSNA website <http://www.dictionarysociety.com/>.

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### Forthcoming events

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**March 14–16**

University of Alicante, Spain: 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Corpus Linguistics (CILC 5). Information at: <http://web.ua.es/en/cilc2013>

**March 16–19**

Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas TX, U.S.A.: Annual Conference of the American Association for Applied Linguistics (AAAL 35). Information at: <http://www.aaal.org/>

**April 18–20**

La Laguna University, Tenerife, Spain: Communication, Cognition and Cybernetics. Annual Conference of the Spanish Applied Linguistics Association (AESLA 31). Information at: <http://aesla2013.tucongreso.es/>

**May 23–25**

Athens GA, U.S.A.: Biennial Meeting of the Dictionary Society of North America (DSNA 19). Information at: <http://www.georgiacenter.uga.edu/uga-hotel/conferences-events/register/dsna>

**June 10–12**

Atlanta GA, U.S.A.: Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL 14, with Special Interest Group meetings, e.g. on Lexical and Computational Semantics). Information at <http://naacl2013.naacl.org/>

**July 2–5**

Port Elizabeth, South Africa: International Conference of the African Association for Lexicography (AFRILEX 18). Information at: <http://afrilex.africanlanguages.com/>

**July 10–13**

Ghent University, Belgium: International Conference on Contrastive Linguistics and Corpus-based Translation Studies (ICLC 7 & UCCTS 3). Information at: <http://www.iclc7-uccts3.ugent.be/>

**July 23–26**

Lancaster University, Lancaster, U.K.: Conference on Corpus Linguistics (CL 7). Information at: <http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/cl2013/>

**July 25–27**

University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia: Endangered Words, and Signs of Revival. Meeting of the Australasian Association for Lexicography (AUSTRALEX 16). Information at: <http://www.australex.org/a13.html>

**August 4–9**

National Palace of Culture, Sofia, Bulgaria: Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 51). Information at: <http://acl2013.org/site/index.html>

**August 13–16**

Oslo, Norway: Biennial Conference of the Nordisk Forening for Leksikografi (NFL 12). Information at: <http://nordisksprogkoordination.org/nfl/konferencer-og-symposier/12.-konferanse-om-leksikografi-i-norden>

**August 17–23**

Suntec Convention Centre, Singapore: Future Libraries - Infinite Possibilities. 79<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (WLIC 79). Information at: <http://conference.ifla.org/>

**August 20–22**

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia: Biennial Conference of the Asian Association for Lexicography (ASIALEX 8). Information at: <http://www.asialex2013.org/index.html>

**September 5–7**

Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, U.K.: Annual Conference of the British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL 46, including Special Interest Groups on Vocabulary Studies and Corpus Linguistics). Information at: [http://www.baal.org.uk/baal\\_conf.html](http://www.baal.org.uk/baal_conf.html)

**September 12–14**

Auditorium al Duomo, Florence, Italy: Life Beyond Dictionaries. Information at: <http://lex2013.16mb.com/>

**October 17–19**

Tallin, Estonia: Electronic Lexicography in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Thinking Outside the Paper (eLEX 3). Information at: <http://eki.ee/elex2013/>