
International Quantitative Linguistics Association

We are glad to present the first issue of the IQLA Newsletter in 2012.

I. 7th Qualico Conference: Belgrade, Serbia, 2012

The 7th QUALICO was successfully held in Belgrade, Serbia, on April 26-29, 2012. The conference was organized by Ivan Obradović, Cvetana Krstev and Duško Vitas (all from the University of Belgrade). QUALICO 2012 hosted over 32 presentations on various topics of Quantitative Linguistics. The participants came from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Japan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, The Netherlands, and USA. In addition to the scientific part of the conference, the local organizers offered a rich cultural and social program (welcome cocktail at the University of Belgrade, conference dinner in an authentic Serbian restaurant and a boat trip on the Danube and Sava rivers). It is planned to publish the conference proceedings in the near future.

II. IQLA – New council members

During 7th Qualico Conference in Belgrade, Serbia, on Friday, April 27, the IQLA Business Meeting was held and a new council was elected:

President: Emmerich Kelih

Vice-President: Relja Vulcanović

Treasurer: Jan Mačutek

Secretary-General: George Mikros

Four members at large: Arjuna Tuzzi, Ivan Obradović, Hermann Moisl and Peter Grzybek

Sheila Embleton and Haruko Sanada were also appointed to the council as international representatives and liaisons for North America and Asia, respectively.

III. Recent/Planned publications

Sequences in Language and Text, eds. Ján Mačutek and George K. Mikros

The aim of this book is to present a diverse but highly interesting area of linguistic analysis, which is concerned with the quantitative analysis of the sequence of various linguistic structures. Language is structured in both paradigmatic and syntagmatic axes and both dimensions

contribute significantly to the functional construction of the linguistic meaning. In this volume, the focus is on the syntagmatic level of the linguistic structure. The volume will collect contributions that give insight to both the various quantitative analyses of linguistic syntagmatic structures and to the exploration of novel sequential linguistic structures. It will be a valuable resource of mathematical tools useful for analyzing sequential language data and of various linguistic structures belonging to different linguistic levels that are organized in a syntagmatic way.

The proposed volume will be one of the first to collect systematically and present original research for the quantitative analysis of sequentially organized linguistic data. We hope this book to be a standard reference in the related future research and at the same time to be utilized by both undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the areas of Linguistics, Natural Language Processing and Text and Web Mining.

Researchers, scholars and professionals are invited to submit on or before June 1, 2012, a chapter proposal of not more than 1000 words, clearly stating the purpose of the chapter and its contents, as well as how the proposed chapter relates to the overall objectives of the book. Submissions should be in Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format. Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by July 31, 2012. Upon acceptance of their proposals, authors will have until November 1, 2012, to prepare their chapters of up to 10,000 words. Guidelines for preparing chapters will be sent upon acceptance of proposals. Inquiries and submissions can be forwarded by email to the editors:

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IV. Membership Categories & Dues for 2012

Membership categories and dues remain unchanged, see <http://igla.org/joining/index.html>.

V. WSK: New publishing procedure

Volume 9 (*Quantitative and Formal Linguistics*) of the dictionary series WSK (Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft), published by the renowned publishing house Mouton de Gruyter (Berlin, New York) has changed its schedule. Originally, it was planned to first publish print versions in German and English; an electronic version was announced for a later date. Now, the **dictionary will be published online first**, step by step in annual portions, and the print versions have been postponed. Volume 9, edited by Reinhard Köhler, Peter Grzybek, and Sven Naumann, is still open for a number of authors of articles on topics from quantitative and formal linguistics. Details and a lemma list may be

requested from the editors (please contact Koehler@uni-trier.de or Sven.Naumann@uni-trier.de).

Details can be found at:

<http://www.degruyter.de/cont/imp/mouton/moutonRei.cfm?rc=35295>)

VI. Membership Area of IQLA

The password-protected “Membership Area” at the IQLA homepage (accessible only by members) has been opened. At the present state, the Member area offers a list of all IQLA members; it is planned to make references from each entry to an individual IQLA Member site, for which a Member Form has already been designed and implemented. An individual site for each member should be available until the next IQLA Business Meeting. Also, a reference link is implemented to the Bibliography of Quantitative Linguistics (BQL), described below.

VII. Bibliography of Quantitative Linguistics (BQL)

The Bibliography of Quantitative Linguistics is available in an alpha version (BQL online) for IQLA members.

VIII. Announcement – Call for “news”

We kindly ask all IQLA members to inform secretary@igla.org about recent or new projects, publications, conferences, personal news, etc., in QL and related research fields. It is planned to publish this information on the IQLA web pages and in the next available IQLA newsletter, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2012.