

I. Editorial

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We are glad to present you the second issue of the IQLA Newsletter.

This issue contains information about recent publications, calls for books and for papers, projects and developments in the field of Quantitative Linguistics, which may be of interest for you.

Emmerich Kelih, Editor

II. 7th Qualico – Next Conference: Belgrade, Serbia

The next QUALICO will be held in Belgrade (Serbia) in April 2012. Ivan Obradović, Cveta Krstev and Duško Vitas from Belgrade are the next local organizing committee. Details of the conference will be announced on www.iqla.org.

III. Recent publications

“Studies in Quantitative Linguistics” Vol. 8

Vectors and Codes of Text

Authors: Ioan-Iovitz Popescu, Ján Mačutek, Emmerich Kelih, Radek Čech, Karl-Heinz Best, Gabriel Altmann

The book is dedicated to new quantitative methods in textology, mainly based on formal features of texts such as frequencies, codes and chains. Special attention is paid to the comparison of texts in different languages, by means of vectors. The measurement of text dynamics is performed by bi-

nary-code analysis, based on syntactic phenomena. The book can be ordered at <http://www.ram-verlag.de/>.

Contents can be found at: http://www.ram-verlag.de/studies8_inh.pdf.

Text and Language. Structures – Functions – Interrelations – Quantitative Perspectives
Edited by Peter Grzybek, Emmerich Kelih, Ján Mačutek. Advisory Editor: Eric S. Wheeler. Wien: Praesens.

This omnibus volume unites twenty-three contributions by international scholars, all renowned experts in the field of quantitative linguistics. The contributions were presented the Quantitative Linguistics Conference (QUALICO 2009) in Graz, Austria. Contents of the volume can be found at:

<http://www.praesens.at/praesens/daten/978-3-7069-0625-8.pdf>.

IV. Membership Categories & Dues for 2011

Members of IQLA should note that due to technical reasons the membership should be renewed until March. 15. of each year!

All full professional members should pay their fees until March, 15th 2011 to guarantee the delivery of the JQL issues for 2011.

We offer a number of online and offline payment options. For further details please contact

<http://www.iqla.org/joining/index.html>.

V. Membership Area of IQLA

It is planned to establish a password-protected "Membership Area" (accessible only by members) at the IQLA homepage with some basic information about our members and their linguistic interests. It is planned to provide information about:

Affiliation – postal address,
E-mail,
Web-Page (if available),
Linguistic interests,
Language expertise.

You will be contacted by e-mail as soon as the data are accessible. Please contact office@iqla.org in case of necessary corrections.

If you do not wish your data to be included in the Membership Area please contact: office@iqla.org.

VI. BOOK PROPOSALS WELCOME

The book series QUANTITATIVE LINGUISTICS (Mouton de Gruyter, Berlin, New York, <http://www.degruyter.de/cont/imp/mouton/moutonRei.cfm?rc=35295>, series editors: Reinhard Köhler, Gabriel Altmann, Peter Grzybek, associated editor: Relja Vulcanović), invites submissions of book manuscripts (monographs and edited volumes).

The series publishes books on all aspects of quantitative methods and models in linguistics, text analysis and related research fields. Specifically, the scope of the series covers the whole spectrum of theoretical and empirical

research, ultimately striving for an exact mathematical formulation and empirical testing of hypotheses: observation and description of linguistic data, application of methods and models, discussion of methodological and epistemological issues, modeling of language and text phenomena.

The series has published more than 60 volumes up to now and is open to all scholars in the field. Submissions should be sent either to the publishing house or to koehler@uni-trier.de.

Recent titles

Vol. 63 - *Analyses of Script* (2008)

Edited by Altmann, Gabriel and Fengxiang, Fan . VIII+173 pp.

Vol. 64 - Popescu, Ioan-Iovitz et al.: *Word Frequency Studies* (2009). XII+278 pp.

VII. Call for authors: WSK

The dictionary series WSK (Wörterbücher zur Sprach- und Kommunikationswissenschaft), published by the renowned publishing house Mouton de Gruyter (Berlin, New York), will appear in German and English versions. <http://www.degruyter.de/cont/imp/mouton/moutonRei.cfm?rc=35295> Volume 9, edited by Reinhard Köhler, Peter Grzybek, and Sven Naumann is specifically dedicated to *Quantitative and Formal Linguistics* (<http://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=15478>)

Scholars from related fields are kindly invited to contribute.

Authors of dictionary articles for the dictionary of Quantitative and Formal

Linguistics are still welcome. For details send a mail to Koehler@uni-trier.de.

VIII. NEW MEMBERS: QL around the world



Haitao Liu (1962-), professor of linguistics and applied linguistics at Zhejiang University, China. He is member of editorial boards of four international linguistic journals (Language Problems & Language Planning, Esperanto Studies - Esperantologio, Die Grundlagenstudien aus Kybernetik und Geisteswissenschaft, Interlingvistikaj Kajeroj). His quantitative studies about languages are published in *Lingua*, *Journal of Quantitative Linguistics*, *Corpus Linguistics* and *Linguistic Theory*, *Physica A*, *EPL*, *Poznan Studies in Contemporary Linguistics*, *Chinese Science Bulletin*, *Journal of Cognitive Science*, *Glottometrics*, etc. His interests include: Quantitative Linguistics, Dependency Grammar, Language Complex Network, Language Planning & Language Policy, and Planned Languages. Current projects: Syntactic dependency treebanks & its applications, Language complex networks (National Social Science Foundation of China), Quantitative studies based on linguistic treebanks. His personal webpage at ZJU:

<http://mypage.zju.edu.cn/en/lht>.

IX. Benoît Mandelbrot passed away

The well known Franco-American mathematician Benoît Mandelbrot passed away in October 2010. Mandelbrot was born in Poland, in 1924 and then moved to France. Much of his life he lived and worked in the United States. He worked on a wide range of mathematical problems, and is especially known for his studies on fractal geometry and the Mandelbrot set. In quantitative linguistics, he is well known for his mathematical reformulation of Zipf's law (1953).

X. Bibliography of Quantitative Linguistics (BQL)

The Bibliography of Quantitative Linguistics will be available in a web version (BQL online) for IQLA members soon. Currently, the system is tested after technical migration to a new server platform. The bibliographical data are constantly extended and improved. All members and in general all researchers in the field are invited to submit information on their own and other authors' publications as long as they are concerned with QL topics. Electronic forms for entering book and paper titles will also be provided on our web pages.

XI. Announcement – Call for “news”

We kindly ask our members to inform secretary@iqla.org about recent or new projects, publications, conferences, personal news etc. in QL and related research fields. It is planned to publish this information at the IQLA homepage and in the next appearing IQLA-newsletter Vol. 2, no. 2, 2011.