

SC LEARNER AUTONOMY  
BUSINESS MEETING  
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AILA 2005 Madison, WI

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**AILA 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Applied Linguistics, USA**  
**Business Meeting of AILA SC on Learner Autonomy**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2005**

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Approximately 19 members attended the 2005 Business Meeting of the AILA Scientific Commission (SC) on Learner Autonomy, which was chaired by Terry Lamb, Richard Pemberton and Ana Maria Ferreira Barcelos (co-convenors of the SC).

Present: Jane Kehrwald, Margaret DuFon, Sara Cotterall, Garold Murray, Ernesto Macaro, Nandini Sarma, Claudia Kunshak, Jennifer Bown, Cynhia White, Wale Adegbite, Dipo Salami, E. Desirée Castillo, C. O'Leary, Mia Victori Blaya, Patricia Alejandra Munoz, Anita Wenden, Richard Pemberton, Terry Lamb, Ana Maria Ferreira Barcelos.

1. The future of SC (AILA has proposed that SCs be replaced by 'Research Networks' RENS)
2. Nominations for New Convenors (for election later in the year)
3. Others SC activities (AUTO-L, LAPI, newsletters, etc)
4. Membership issues/suggestions
5. Publication of symposium papers
6. Upcoming Conferences
7. Other Business

### **1. The future of SC**

Terry Lamb explained to everybody how AILA wanted to replace the Scientific Commissions with Research Networks. In the opening ceremony AILA let everybody know that this was in effect from now on and a meeting would be held on Thursday, July 28 to talk about this. Terry reported to members what SC Learner Autonomy had done (AUTO-L, publications, symposia). He also said that 30 proposals had been submitted to the SC Learner Autonomy symposium at AILA 2005 and that all three convenors reviewed all papers in that strand for AILA. In addition, the SC is working on a publication based on the AILA 2002 symposium, is planning to publish a book based on the AILA 2005 symposium, and perhaps make efforts to encourage the publication of the first journal on learner autonomy. In other words, it is an active scientific commission. Terry then asked the members to express their views and give feedback on the future of the SC.

Richard Pemberton clarified that this was not something in which we have a choice since AILA had already decided on this. Several members in the audience manifested themselves posing questions, expressing their views in the sense that they wanted to maintain this community of researchers and that the Learner Autonomy SC is a vibrant one with a working structure that is doing well. They wanted to maintain this network. Several people expressed that it was their first time there and they embraced the opportunity to contact and be part of a community of professionals working around the same theme. Garold suggested the creation of

regional networks and that one member of this regional network would have representation in the SC. In sum, there was a feeling that the SC was doing well and that it had been penalised by this new structure. Some members felt we should adopt a new name and keep doing the same kind of work we had done before. Anita suggested some questions we could ask AILA in the meeting on Thursday:

1. Can non-RENs organize symposia? What are the procedures?
2. Who would evaluate the proposals? By what criteria?
3. Will the topics for the proposals be strand-based?

Anita also suggested that perhaps we should write a statement of protest to AILA for the way they had decided on this, without any discussion and without consulting its members worldwide.

## **2. Election of New Convenors**

Terry Lamb presented the background to the election of the new convenors, reminding those present that the three current co-convenors – Richard Pemberton and Ana Maria F. Barcelos and himself – were completing their first term, and could run for their second term. Terry expressed his wish to continue for another term, whereas Richard and Ana said they wouldn't be able to continue, for different reasons. Terry explained that, as we did not know what was going to happen with the Scientific Commission, there was no call for nominations of new convenors and that this could be done through email. Sara Cotterall agreed to help out with the nomination process, which was set to begin in mid September.

## **3. Others SC activities (AUTO-L, LAPI, newsletters, etc)**

The convenors reported on the activities that the SC was responsible for:

**AUTO-L:** this is an electronic list maintained by Anita Wenden. The list invites guests to moderate discussions on certain topics. Terry invited people to contribute to be moderators of this list, proposing topics. At the moment, Terry Lamb and Phil Benson are responsible for moderating this list.

**Website:** Richard informed us that the website is based in Hong Kong, but that it perhaps needs to get a domain of its own.

**LAPI – Learning Autonomy Project Inventory.** Terry explained that Hayo Reinders had taken this over from Leni Dam, and had developed it as a searchable resource. He urged people to encourage others to contribute to this.

**Newsletter –** we have sent out one newsletter since we became convenors and another one should come out later this year. Terry asked the members to send contributions for the newsletter to him.

## **4. Membership Issues/suggestions**

There was a suggestion from the members to post the list of members on the website, i.e., if members gave permission for this. Members also suggested that

information on local networks be available on the website with contact names to strengthen the community. Some are already linked to the website, so people were asked to let the convenors know of any other such networks.

## **5. Publication of symposium papers**

Terry mentioned the intention to publish the Symposium papers on learners' voices and would try to find a publisher for this.

## **6. Upcoming conferences**

One conference was brought to the attention of those present: XXX name of conference in New Zealand??? September 9-12, 2005.

## **7. Any Other Business**

It was suggested that each country could have their own Learner Autonomy network and that one member of this network could have a seat in the new structure of the Research Network on Learner Autonomy.

Richard reminded everybody of the URL for the AILA SC Learner Autonomy: [lc.ust.hk/~ailasc](http://lc.ust.hk/~ailasc)

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the outgoing convenors.