

LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF INDIA

Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 30th December 2023

The Executive Committee meeting of the society was held as per the schedule and the agenda (see, lsiecmeeetcall.docx, 23rd December 2023). The following Members of the Executive Committee were present.

President –Rao, Uma Maheshwar (2) Vice-President –Satyanath, Shobha (3) Treasurer-Mhaiskar, Rahul (4) Secretary, (5-6) Joint Secretaries- Mukherjee, Kakali and Bhujang, Sujata (10-18) Working Members: Singh, Joga; Bhattacharya, Krishna; Kodagunti, Basavaraja; Dash, Biswanandan; Ezung, K. Mimi; Murty, M.C. Kesava; Mustafa, Khateeb, S. and Temsunungsang.

The following members could not attend the meeting: Trustees-Abbi, Anvita and Kardile, Shubhangi; Editor of Publications-Pappusamy, Uma; Working Members-Dasgupta, Probal; and Thite, G.U.

1. Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao, Chair, welcomed the members of the current EC, and the newly elected body of LSI for the years 2024-2026 as special invitees. On behalf of the present members of EC, LSI, the President extended the Greetings to the President-Elect, Prof. Warsi, J.M., and all the members of the newly elected body of EC (2024-2026).

2. Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao presented a detailed report of the recent Elections to the LSI conducted as per the decisions of the EC (Cf. LSI- EC meeting on 01.11.2023; RO-report-LSI-electionckd.docx) and mentioned the annual report (for the year 20220-2023 presented by Ms. Sujatha Bhujang, Secretary; LSI_Report_2023AGM.docx 21, November 2023).

3. Prof. Shobha Satyanath presented a detailed report on ‘The LSI Response to the Recent Vicious Campaign’ (see LSI our response1.docx).

4. Prof. Uma Maheshwar Rao briefed the members about the important tasks and events that were conducted during the last three years period:

a. Formulation of various subcommittees to look into various aspects of LSI and its activities. Some of the key achievements include (i) Revisiting the constitution and approved minor amendments details of which are already on the website; (ii) a new interactive dynamic website; access to past issues of the Journal through the website etc. (iii) online elections etc.

b. He also briefed the house about the ICOLSI-45. Main highlights of the conference:

The Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, on behalf of the Linguistic Society of India, in collaboration with the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, has organized the 45th International Conference of the Linguistic Society of India (ICOLSI-45) during November 20-22, 2023, at the Department of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. A total of 235 papers were selected for oral presentations out of a total of 340 abstracts received. It was attended by more than four hundred participants. The presentations were original and unpublished research on various aspects of theoretical and applied linguistics.

The Conference was inaugurated by Prof. Mohammad Gulrez, Vice-Chancellor, AMU, in the presence of the dignitaries on the dais that included Shri Ganga Kumar, IAS, Dy Director General, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India, Prof. G. Uma Maheshwar Rao, President Linguistic Society of India, Prof. Younasse Tarbouni, Univ. of Washington, USA, Prof. Imran Khan, IPS, Registrar of AMU, and Prof. Shobha Satyanath, Vice-President, and Prof. Shirish Choudhary, IIT Madras. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy, Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Govt. of India, delivered the inaugural address. Later, each of the dignitaries on the dais spoke about the importance of the Indian language, its relevance in the modern context, various aspects and views from the point of translation, medium of education, administration, judiciary, and public life. They have also made observations on the relevance of linguistic profiling and future linguistic research. They hinted at the due recognition of the global impact of linguistics in India and its benefits to the future of human rights and the potential for world peace.

A Keynote address was delivered online by Kasia M. Jaszcolt, followed by the Inaugural address by Prof. John Baugh, President of the Linguistic Society of America (LSA), who was invited to present a special talk on the 'Linguistic imperialism and linguistic profiling in a Global Perspective'. Professor Younesse Tarnouni delivered a Special lecture, Reinventing the Linguistic Sciences in a Migratory Space: A Socio-Political Approach. There were four Plenary lectures, one Radhabai Katre Memorial lecture, and two Panel discussions on specially selected themes. Interested people can access the ICOLSI-45 Book of Abstracts from lsi.org.in.

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