

# SSSR Newsletter - november 2007

This yearly newsletter summarizes various activities in the Society, board decisions, appointments, and announcements.

## **Retrospect 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 6-8 July 2007, Prague**

Thanks to Maggie Snowling (program chair) and Marketa Caravolas (local organizer), who both did a marvellous job, the annual conference was a great success again. Many interesting interactive paper sessions, and symposia were on the program, and the location and surroundings were much appreciated. The plenary session was used by Pieter Reitsma to give his Presidential Address. There had been 340 submissions, and after review by the program committee 296 presentations were accepted. A total of 312 participants registered for the conference. This year the Society began to use a convenient web-based submission system skilfully made by our webmaster Matt Fields.



## **Elections new Vice-President and Board Member**

A new Vice-President and Board member will be elected soon. Anne Castles, Don Compton, and Fred Morrison have agreed to run for Vice-President and Jean Dreher, Peter de Jong, and Alexandra Gottardo have agreed to run for Board Member. Voting members were recently emailed the ballots. Please, **respond before Nov 30**. At the 2007 meeting the Board approved the applications of 9 new voting members.

## **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 10-12 July. 2008, Asheville**

The 2008 conference will be in Crowne Plaza, Asheville, North Carolina USA, 10-12 July. Hugh Catts is the Program Chair and Don Compton will be the Local Conference Coordinator.

The call for presentations is published on the SSSR website ([www.triplesr.org](http://www.triplesr.org)).

## **Conference 2009**

In 2009 the conference will be held in Boston, June 25-27. Hugh Catts will again be Program Chair and Nonie Lesaux the Local Conference Coordinator.

## **Scientific Studies of Reading**

The official journal of our Society is in very good shape. The number and quality of submissions is growing and the most recent impact factor for the journal was given as 2.38. The previous publisher Erlbaum has been taken over by Taylor and Francis. The editor of our journal, Charles Hulme, successfully negotiated a new contract for the journal. A web-based manuscript submission system will be adopted soon, and likely some increase in number of pages after 2008 (with an associated increase in subscription costs, and thus in Society dues).

## **Finances**

The Society is financially well in balance and the dues structure will remain the same for the next year. This membership due includes a significant reduction on the conference fee, and a personal subscription to the journal SSR.

## **Travel awards**

The board decided to establish 2 travel awards for presenters from emerging or developing economies (using World Bank Countries Classifications). The awards will be announced with the Call for Proposals, and information and applications for the awards will be provided on our website. Decisions will be made by the program committee.

## **SSSR Board**

The current composition of the Board (until December 31, 2007) is as follows:  
Pieter Reitsma - President, Maggie Snowling - President-Elect, Hugh W. Catts -Vice-President, Joanna Williams -Past President. Elected Board Members: Brian Byrne, Joanne Carlisle, Frank Manis. Appointed officers: John Kirby -Secretary, Stephen Petrill – Treasurer, Min Wang -Historian, Catherine McBride-Chang - International Coordinator, Marketa Caravolas - Local Conference Coordinator,  
Charles Hume is Editor of SSR  
Publications Committee: Hollis Scarborough (Chair); members: John Kirby, Richard K. Olson, Anne Cunningham.

The composition of the Board will soon change because of the results of the elections, and because of new appointments.

On January 1, 2008 Maggie Snowling will begin her two-year term as President.

It has been a great honor to serve as SSSR President,  
Pieter Reitsma