

DiPVaC 2016 Business Meeting
University of Ottawa, Canada, Thursday, 04 May 2016

MINUTES

In attendance (steering committee): HP (chair), GA (outgoing), KB (outgoing), AD (outgoing), LD, DD (incoming), SL, KM (incoming) CW (outgoing, via skype)

Apologies for absence: EP (incoming), SEW (incoming)

1. Minutes of the last business meeting (08/04/12 in Newcastle)

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- **Minutes approved**

2. Matters arising

- None.

3. DiPVaC research network & mailing list (remit, numbers, aims, up-dates)

- The committee decided that – for the time being at least – the remit and scope of the network will remain focused as described on the network URL: “investigating variation and change in the use of items and constructions often referred to as discourse markers or pragmatic particles whose primary functions are interpersonal and textual (e.g. *well, like, you know, comme, alors, doch, zwar, diciamo, dakedo*).”
- HP reminded attendees of the aims of the network & mailing list & encouraged them to make more use of both:
 - **network:** foster collaboration, find out who works on what, etc.
 - **mailing list:** circulate information about relevant events, publications and other news; seek advice on methodological queries, initiate discussions about relevant issues, etc.
- Currently some 70 members from 20+ countries working on 25+ languages.
- HP invited attendees who are not currently members to join the mailing list and network. Current members were encouraged to keep their descriptions up-to-date and to e-mail dipvac.network@gmail.com with any changes they'd like to make to their blurbs.
- Katarina Pabst (UBuffalo) asked if there was a way to make updating member descriptions easier.
 - DD will be assisting HP with website maintenance and they will look into how the process could be streamlined.
- HP introduces CW's proposal to have a continually updated list of DiPVaC related publications as part of the DiPVaC website.
 - HP suggests that this might be difficult to implement.
 - LD discusses an alternative in which DiPVaC members make use of existing online infrastructure (e.g., academia.edu and research gate). A “DiPVaC” tag could be created for these kinds of services. Additionally, a smaller list of foundational publications could be added to the website. It would need much less maintenance.
 - DD suggests members could add a ‘DiPVaC’ label to their Google Scholar profiles.
 - It was agreed that the steering committee will determine how this alternative idea should be implemented at a future meeting and members will be kept informed via the mailing list.

4. DiPVaC steering committee (roles & responsibilities, membership)

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- The committee have recently formalized the role of the steering committee, the responsibility of committee members and the chair. These are set out in the tabled documents and will be posted to the network URL shortly.

- HP reminded attendees of the constitution of the committee, as detailed in the minutes from the DiPVaC 2014 business meeting.
 - The committee consists of the chair and 5-6 ordinary members.
 - With the exception of the chair, membership is for 2 years, with renewal for another 2 years at the biennial conference.
 - The host of next DiPVaC conference will sit on the committee.
- GA's, KB's, AD's and CW's term on the steering committee has come to an end. HP and the rest of the committee thanked them for their hard work, their commitment, and their many contributions over the last two (or four) years.
- SL and LD have agreed to continue their committee membership.
- Derek Denis (DD), Kazuko Matsumoto (KM), Elizabeth Peterson (EP) and Suzanne Evans Wagner (SEW) have kindly agreed to join the committee. The committee look forward to working with them.
- In inviting new members to the steering committee, we aimed for diversity in terms of: national affiliations, theoretical orientation, career stage and gender.
- Ahead of DiPVaC 2018, the committee will review its practice of inviting new members to the committee and consider involving networks in this process.

5. Best student paper prize (judging criteria, judging panels)

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- At DiPVaC 2014, the membership agreed to award a best student prize at the biennial conference. The prize includes: a book, free registration at the DiPVaC following the winner's award, a certificate, a photo with notice of the winner on the website.
- The committee subsequently formalized the judgment criteria and the constitution of the judgment panel (see attached).

6. DiPVaC 2018

- Elizabeth Peterson has kindly agreed to host DiPVaC 2018 at the University of Helsinki, Finland. EP revealed the location via video. Details about dates will be circulated via the DiPVaC mailing list as soon as they're available. HP thanked EP for agreeing to host the next conference.
- HP encouraged members to think ahead to 2020. The committee is open to volunteers for hosting the fifth DiPVaC meeting.

7. AOB

- KB encouraged DiPVaC members to attend *i-mean* in Bristol, April 6–8, 2017. The conference has a broader focus than DiPVaC but members could form a panel. Abstracts are due in early January 2017. More information will be circulated via the mailing list and posted on the DiPVaC website.
- Another round of applause for outgoing members, the uOttawa A/V technicians, and to HP.

DD, 4 May 2016