

IPA NEWS

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE IPA COUNCIL

The Council of the IPA is establishing committees that will take on some of the tasks of running the Association, and will allow us to expand the kinds of projects that we can undertake. Here are the committees currently being set up, their memberships to date, and brief descriptions:

ALPHABET, CHARTS AND FONTS

Pat Keating (chair), Asher Laufer, Wai-Sum Lee, Adrian Simpson, John Wells (consulting member); non-Council members: Martin J. Ball, Michael Everson, Kenneth Olson; student members: Pongprapunt Rattanaporn, Panagiotis Tsiaras

Contact point for proposals for changes to the alphabet or chart; production of IPA charts in various fonts, file formats, and image resolutions; online distribution of these charts; liaison with SIL and Unicode Technical Committee; liaison with ICPLA; soliciting, vetting, and disseminating IPA charts in languages other than English and tables of correspondences between IPA and non-IPA symbols.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIPS AND STUDENT AWARDS

Pam Beddor, John Esling, Jonathan Harrington, Katerina Nicolaidis (chair), Masaki Taniguchi

Policies for conference/workshop sponsorship; evaluation of requests to the IPA for such sponsorship. Guidelines and criteria for evaluating applications for IPA Student Awards and Gösta Bruce travel awards; solicitation and evaluation of applications for these awards. Determination and management of annual budget for awards.

EDUCATION

Patricia Ashby, Plinio Barbosa, Cécile Fougeron, Keith Johnson, Maria-Josep Solé (chair)

Educational content of the IPA's website and other educational outreach to students and teachers of phonetics.

HISTORY

Michael Ashby (chair), Bill Barry, Janet Fletcher, Pat Keating; ex officio non-Council members: John Ohala, Mike MacMahon

History of the Association and its journals, and of phonetics more generally; work to make older IPA publications freely available; publicize anniversaries of noteworthy contributions to phonetics. Liaison with International Speech Communication Association Special Interest Group (ISCA SIG) on History of Speech Communication Research (SIG-HIST), with The Henry Sweet Society for the History of Linguistic Ideas, and with the historical acoustic-phonetics collection (HAPS) at Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden).

PHONETIC DOCUMENTATION OF LANGUAGES

Kofi Adu Manyah, Ian Maddieson (chair), Alexis Michaud, Ailbhe Ni Chasaide, Daniel Recasens, Marija Tabain

Encourage and fund phonetic fieldwork through existing organizations; offer expert advice to fieldworkers; liaison with archives of language materials.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND OUTREACH

Martine Grice, Jane Stuart-Smith (chair)

Develop our social media, including our website, our Facebook and Twitter accounts, and our presence in Wikipedia, especially with a view to outreach to non-members.

Patricia A. Keating

President