

Research and Publications Officers Report

BALEAP AGM 2023, 21st April, University of Warwick

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A. ResTES events

There are 4 events planned this year, less than last year partly because this is a BALEAP conference year. The programme started with a conversation around obstacles and solutions to scholarship where SCH and LM collated ideas. All recordings, slides and resources are available on the Research and Publications website.

SCH and LM would like to thank the speakers for their generosity in sharing their expertise with the membership.

Title	Speakers	Date
Engaging with scholarship	Facilitators: Susie Cowley-Haselden and Laetitia Monbec	Thursday 20th October 12 -13:00
Peer Reviewing in EAP	Bee Bond, Jeni Driscoll, Alex Ding, Rob Playfair, Eddie Cowling, Nigel Harwood	Wednesday 16th November 1:00 – 2:30pm
Research Methods: Autoethnography	Speakers: Jennifer Sizer, Clare Maxwell, Clare Carr, Anna Rolinska	February. Rescheduled to June
PhD in progress	8-10 current PhD students (Singapore and the UK)	May 5th

B. 2023 MA Award

There were 2 winners this year as the panel found both MA Theses equally deserving. The winners are Peter Bannister and Thomas Willis-Jones.

SCH administered the process. The process involved 2 rounds. Round 1 involved selecting a shortlist from all 15 entry applications (this year). The 3 shortlisted applicants sent their full dissertations which were then assessed against criteria and points awarded associated with their ranking by the panel (1 point for first ranking, 2 for 2nd and 3 for 3rd). The dissertation with the lowest points was the winner.

LM and SCH would like to thank the panel for their timely feedback and generosity with their time.

C. 2022-2023 Funding Stream

This year, the maximum amount awarded per study was increased to GDP5000. This enabled BALEAP to fund 5 ambitious projects.

Thank you to the international panel who selected the following recipients:

An intervention to scaffold understanding at a conceptual level in an EAP context. Celia V. Antoniou University of Strathclyde, School of Education

Inclusivity, interactivity and communities of practice: exploring principles of an instructional design in a post-pandemic online programme in English for academic study. Weronika Fernando, Queen Mary, University of London

Exploring Inclusive Formative Assessment Practices (IFAP) of English for Academic Purposes (EAP) in Higher Education (HE). Dr Eleni Meletiadou, London Metropolitan University – Guildhall School of Management and Law

RefugEAP: conceptualising, piloting and evaluating an innovative EAP programme for refugee-background students. Aleks Palanac, University of Leicester (Centre for International Training and Education) and Deirdre McKenna, University of Leeds.

SUEÑO: Oaxacan experiences of EAP testing instruments and their washback on graduation rates, teaching practices, and language ideology in Oaxaca, Mexico. Alexander Black, UCL IOE and Melissa Ferrin, UTM (Mexico)

Also, all winners from last year are preparing to share their work with the BALEAP membership.

D. Monthly PhD group meeting (STEPS) was launched

The first meeting took place with a group of several PhD students (some about to finish others still looking into a suitable programme).

The next meeting will see 3 participants present and discuss their work, one will share her Viva Voce experience.

E. Doctoral Studies Award

The panel will consist of Alex Ding, Steve Kirk and Sheena Gardner and R&P officers
Advertised.

4 applications were received from various countries.

The winner will be announced at a later date.

F. Access to the Literature Scoping Project

Underway with Dr Michelle Evans who initiated the project.

We advertised for an RA, received over 12 applications, interviewed 5 candidates and selected **Dr LIU Yanhua**, (PhD from NIE Singapore, and currently EAP Lecturer in University of Science and Technology, Guangzhou campus).

A first meeting was held to discuss approaches, and project management.

We have since had several meetings to design the questionnaire and are at the piloting stage.

G. Research and Publications Sub-Committee

Roles have been advertised. We received 10 expressions of interest so far and have selected the following members for their expertise.

We will hold a first working meeting in May after the BALEAP conference.

We have confirmed the following members:

- Paula Villegas Verdu as Book Reviews Administrator
- Judith Gorham as Additional Support Member
- Lisa McGrath as Additional Support Member
- (Millie) Milada Walková as Critical Friend Administrator
- Sharon Riddle as Web Administrator

H. Looking Forward

Developing initiatives with the sub-committee: Critical friend network, Book reviews, mentoring...

Expanding international scholarship networks with associations

Teaching materials citation index

Ethics project

We will continue to act on suggestions and ideas from the membership

Please do get in touch with us if you have any suggestions or wish to get involved:

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Friday, 14th April 2023