



The International Association for Cognitive Semiotics

Newsletter April 2015

Dear IACS members,

This is the first issue of the bi-annual newsletter, to be sent to all IACS members by email. We will use it to inform you of relevant news, mostly falling in the following three categories

- Organizational issues
- Relevant events
- Courses and education

Please send us information on these matters for future issues. We will also publish this on the IACS website (see below).

1. Organizational issues

New IACS Website

Since the March this year, the IACS website www.iacs.dk has received a new and simpler design, after feedback on the previous version. Visit and bookmark it! And continue sending us feedback: this will be the best way to keep it alive.

IACS membership

All who attended IACS-2014 in September 2014 at Lund University are currently members: your membership is valid to the summer of 2016. You will need to renew it to participate in IACS-2016 in Lublin.

You can do so even now (or join, if you are not member already) through the IACS website:

http://www.iacs.dk/iacs_memb.html

If you do so, you will be member until the summer of 2018, up to the third IACS conference.

To remind you, benefits of being a member include admittance to the conferences of the association and 30% discount subscription fee on *Cognitive Semiotics* offered by de Gruyter Mouton: €34,00 (\$52,00) for online access, €139,00 (\$187.00) for print, €167,00 (\$225.00) for both: print & online access

2. Relevant events

Looking back at IACS-2014 at Lund University

A summary written by one of the organizers (and past IACS president) Jordan Zlatev, as well as a few photos has been published in the latest issue of *Semioticon*.

<http://semioticon.com/semiotix/2015/02/event-report/>

Multi-level semiosis: Integrative approaches to biology, cognition and culture

3-7 June 2015, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

Submission deadline: 27 February 2015

<http://summit.is4is.org/calls/call-for-papers/multi-level-semiosis>

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The Fifteenth Annual International Gathering in Biosemiotics

30th June – 4th July, 2015, Aalborg University Copenhagen, Denmark

Submission deadline: 20 February 2015

<https://biosemiotics2015.wordpress.com/>

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International Symposium on Cultural and Communication Semiotics,

3th – 5th July, 2015, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

Official website of the Symposium: www.semiotics.net.cn

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XIth Conference of the International Association for Visual Semiotics

8th -11th September 2015, Liege University, Belgium

Official website of the Symposium: http://www.aisv2015.be/Accueil_Int..html

ISVLiege2015@ulg.ac.be

PROTOLANG 4

24-26 September 2015, Rome Tre University, Department of Philosophy, Communication and Visual Arts

Submission deadline: 1 February 2015

<http://protolang.org/>

protolanguage.2015@uniroma3.it

2nd International Conference & Exhibition on Semiotics and Visual Communication

2th -4th October 2015, Cyprus University of Technology, Lemesos

<http://icsvc-conference.com>

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3. Courses and programs

New international BSc program in Cognitive Science at Aarhus University

From September 1st 2015 it will be possible to take an international Bachelor degree in Cognitive Science at Aarhus University. It is an interdisciplinary program, fully taught in English, where students get a unique insight into human behavior, consciousness and brain function. The program includes several subjects of relevance to language and communication. Besides, the program is characterized by a strong focus on experimental methods, where students learn how to design and carry out studies of the human brain and behavior.

For more information, visit: <http://bachelor.au.dk/en/cognitivescience/>

MA in Language and Linguistics – specialization in Cognitive Semiotics

Lund University offers the opportunity to pursue advanced studies in languages and linguistics at the Master's level. The language of instruction is English. As a Master's student, you will have the possibility of receiving funding for a stay abroad to conduct research on your Master's thesis through grants available from the Birgit Rausing Language Programme. Since 2014, students can follow a **specialization in Cognitive Semiotics**: the trans-disciplinary study of language, communication, media and mind, from the perspective of the concepts meaning and sense. Both qualitative phenomenological analysis and empirical methods, including systematic

observations and experimentation, are developed and used. The major goal is to produce new insights on the interrelations between different communicative/semiotic resources as language, gestures and pictures, and on their development in children and in human evolution.

For more information, visit: <http://www.sol.lu.se/en/education/program/haspv/specialisations/kose/>

MA in Cognitive Linguistics

Case Western Reserve University offers advanced study in cognitive linguistics.

What is Cognitive Linguistics?

"Cognitive linguistics goes beyond the visible structure of language and investigates the considerably more complex backstage operations of cognition that create grammar, conceptualization, discourse, and thought itself. The theoretical insights of cognitive linguistics are based on extensive empirical observation in multiple contexts, and on experimental work in psychology and neuroscience. Results of cognitive linguistics, especially from metaphor theory and conceptual integration theory, have been applied to wide ranges of nonlinguistic phenomena." —Gilles Fauconnier. 2006. "Cognitive Linguistics." *Encyclopedia of Cognitive Science*. John Wiley & Sons. [Pdf of full article](#).

Candidates may apply for admission to the program, with the purpose of pursuing the Master of Arts degree, or to non-degree status, with the purpose of taking courses for credit that could be transferred to other institutions. Potential applicants should send initial inquiries to Professor Mark Turner, director of the program, at coglingadmission@case.edu.

With best regards,

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