

## **Report on C.I.E.N. Research Group Meeting, 19th May 2010, 10 am**

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### **Meeting:**

Melissa announces the **speakers** who are going to talk to the group in June 2010. Dr. Anna de Fina (Georgetown University, USA) will be in charge of a Workshop on Narratives as Discourse running from June 2 to June 7 (mobility grant DCT2009-00100-P, from the ministry of Education). Cécile Vigoroux and Mike Baynham are also coming to Barcelona that week, but we agree that we can't host so many speakers. In addition, Dr. Beatriz Lorente (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) will also talk to the group on June 15 or 16. Miguel Pérez, one of the speakers that we want to invite, unfortunately cannot make in July for personal reasons.

As a research group, we set two main priorities on our agenda: **hiring a part-time secretary** and refurbishing the webpage. With regard to the former, we agree on basic requirements for the future group's secretary. S/he must have a level of English corresponding to at least C1 in the CEFR (Common European Frame of Reference for Languages). Ideally, s/he should be fluent in Catalan and/or Spanish, with a special emphasis on formal writing skills. The candidate must be proactive and take the initiative. Besides this, knowledge about webpages and about the Catalan public administration will be an advantage. It is agreed that the group needs a part-time secretary for 12 hours/week, divided into three days a week. As we would like the secretary to start in July, the job ad should be published on June 1. Sònia Oliver is in charge of writing an ad in Catalan and in Spanish. Maria Rosa will contact Sara Granja about the university's legal requirements for this position (contract type, salary, education level etc.) and will check where to publish our job advertisement online for free. The selection process will be as follows: the application period will be June 1-15 and following the selection of suitable CVs, the interviews will be held on June 18 and June 29. Two research assistants (Safae and Maria Rosa) will filter the CVs for the senior members of the team (Melissa, Eva and Sònia) to subsequently conduct the interviews.

The second priority concerns **renovating our webpage** for it to reflect the results of our current research project better. In fact, public administrations increasingly draw on webpages to evaluate funded research projects. Besides, posting key information online will facilitate the task of writing final reports for research projects. Therefore, we should improve how the results appear in the research group's webpage. Proposals for improvement include (1) creating user interfaces for the members to update their own profile instead for them to e-mail the administrator, (2) including more information about our planned conference contributions and working papers, (3) posting a list of data gathered within the project, (4) including links to the C.I.E.N. Research Group's accounts in social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, and (5) making announcements about activities. As a first step towards renovating the webpage, all the members of the team will send their conference contributions (with powerpoint support, if possible) and latest publications (with links to online articles or the working papers themselves, if possible) to the webpage administrator. Maria Sabaté and Melissa Moyer will be in charge of coming up with creative ideas to liven up our webpage.

The director of the project will apply for **an extension of the current research project** (ref: HUM2007-61864, MICINN), currently ending in December 2010, to April 2011. Next year, we are going to apply for a new research project from the MICINN, for which we already have all the documentation needed. When the call is announced, the national and international members will only have to update this year's CVs with recent publications and conferences. Maria Rosa is in charge of finding out about online tools to update our CV. We will start working on this new project from September 2010 onwards.

In order to engage in **international networks**, our officially-recognised SGR group is now considering which research grants to apply for. On the one hand, Luisa Martín-Rojo (UAM) wants to apply as principal investigator for an ESF Research Networking Programme which would include our team, the MOSAIC centre (Birmingham, UK), Institute of Multilingualism (Fribourg, Switzerland) and perhaps the Centre for Transnational Studies (Southampton, UK). The 2010 call opens on July 1 and this might give our team the opportunity to apply for a research grant under the *Subprograma Proyectos Internacionales, modalidad proyectos de investigación multilaterales* (for more info: B.O.E. 28/04/2010). On the other hand, we are set to apply for a mobility grant named *Acciones Integradas* under the same subprogramme

which would allow us to set a collaboration with a research group from Germany or NZ. Melissa will contact Peter Auer in Germany as a possible partner to set up this bilateral research project. We plan to apply for this grant in the second call, which will be open from July 1 to October 23, 2010. The outcomes of this latter application will be notified at the end of 2011.

In preparation for the research projects we are going to apply for, we go over the **objectives and activities listed under our SGR-2009 proposal**. It seems that we will meet all the proposed objectives for 2010. So as to meet our own planning, we need to organise some more seminars with invited speakers this year and publish the *Manual de Bones Pràctiques*, now in manuscript form. Our weak point as a group, so to speak, is the social diffusion of our results, We agree to participate in the AEDEAN 2011, organized by our department, and in the case of doctoral candidates, *2a Jornada de Postgrau*. Besides, Eva proposes to include the Catalan language materials that we have created for the NGO under social diffusion activities. In addition, we agree to organize a summer school in 2011 in conjunction with the department's doctoral programme and the masters programme.

As a follow-up of the **common policy on the access to the group's data**, Melissa reports on her appointment with the *gabinet jurídic*. To them, it was important to know what our data was used for, namely, to build knowledge within a funded research project and to elaborate MA theses and PhD dissertations. This organisation will provide us with a draft of this policy before the summer. In the meeting Melissa attended, it was agreed that the data will stay within the group, so only members of the research team will have access to the data. If someone leaves the research team, the data will remain property of the group but we will always have to acknowledge the sources (i.e. theses) and individual researchers who gathered the data used.

Last, we set up a research meeting on July 19, 2010 to have a **brainstorming/ "ideas" session** in which we will present what we've been doing and what we've learnt in each of the institutional sites: NGOs, health clinics and *locutorio*. This is a sort of summary session on this current project which will contribute towards the final research report for the Ministry.

The director of the project encourages everybody to attend SS18, held in Southampton on 1-4 September 2010, and ISB8, held in Oslo on June 15-18 2011. As usual, the research project will be able to meet part of the expenses- e.g. airfare.