

# Sound to Sense

Welcome to the winter 2009 S2S newsletter!

## Goodbye and thank you

Congratulations to our ERs who have moved on to new projects, following the end of their S2S contracts.



*Oliver Niebuhr*

Ollie worked in Aix on cross-linguistics sensitivity to phonetic assimilation. He is currently working on an AHRC grant with S2S scientists in York, and on 15 October took up a junior professorship for “analysis of spoken language” at the Department of General Linguistics, Kiel.

*Meghan Clayards*

Meghan was working in York, also looking at phonetic assimilation. In September 2009 she started a 2 year post doctoral fellowship with the Center for Research on Language Mind and Brain in Montreal, Canada. She is working with Dr. Linda Polka and Dr. Susan Rvachew in the School of Communication Sciences Disorders at McGill University, as well as with Dr. Kristine Onishi in the Psychology Department at McGill University. Her research will be on adult and child speech perception, particularly with early French-English bilinguals.



*Annett Jorschick*

Annett was based in Prague, working mainly with the S2S speech corpora, for which she produced a comprehensive manual. She also did some work on voicing in Czech. She has now started a research position in

Bielefeld, Germany involving corpus management, among other things.



*Sébastien Demange*

Sebastien spent 18 months in Leuven working on an ASR system to combine episodic and abstract knowledge, and has now moved back to France to an academic position.



We also said goodbye to the EC's Project Officer Frank Marx; he has moved to a new job within Brussels. The new Project Officer is Kamila Partyka, and we have enjoyed working with her so far.

## Welcome

S2S is pleased to have a number of new members.

*Pavel Vondricka*

Pavel worked as an ESR from 7 June – 6 September transcribing the Czech corpus in Nijmegen. He has now returned to his PhD studies in Prague.



*Youyi Lu*

Youyi is an ER working in Prague. His main research interests are in speech production and perception in noise.



*Anton Öttl*

Anton is an ESR transcribing the Norwegian corpus in Nijmegen. He will be with us for 9 months, until the end of April 2010.



*Dan Brenner*

Dan is an ESR transcribing the English corpus in Nijmegen. He is taking a year's break from his PhD studies in Arizona to work with us,



and will be until the end of July 2010.

We also welcome senior scientists *Laurence White* (Bristol) and *Robert Espesser* (Aix-en-Provence) to the network. They joined in June. Robert has already taught a statistics course for S2S fellows, and will provide statistics consulting throughout the network. Laurence is the day-to-day supervisor of the ESR Olesya Rauch.

*Michele Gubian* has begun work on a new project in Nijmegen, "A computational model of language acquisition". He is combining this with his S2S work, and both projects will benefit from the cross-fertilisation.

## Network meetings

A network meeting took place in Vitoria from 14-18 September. This included a fellows' day, workshops on morphology and on L2 speech, presentations from the fellows, and research discussions.

The next workshop will be in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, from 12-14 April 2010, and will include the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting.