A summary update of events, activities and news

Who’s Who
Since Language Sciences became an Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC) last October there have been some changes to the organisational structure and leadership. Work on this is ongoing, and the plan is to devolve some areas of responsibility to sub-committees and working groups to increase representation across the network.

A document outlining governance procedures for the IRC (such as how appointments are made) will be available via the website soon.

IRC Directors
Ann Copestake, Professor of Computational Linguistics
Ianthi Maria Tsimpi, Professor of English & Applied Linguistics

Management Committee
The role of the Management Committee is to develop a cross-School strategic vision for the IRC and deliver an agreed long-term plan for its sustainability.

Ann Copestake
Ianthi Tsimpi
Bill Byrne, Professor of Information Engineering
Michael Evans, Reader in Second Language Education
Robert Foley, Leverhulme Professor of Human Evolution
Mandy Hill, Managing Director, Academic Publishing, Cambridge University Press
Zoe Kourtzi, Professor of Experimental Psychology
Gordana Najdanovic, Research Strategy Manager, Research Strategy Office
Ian Roberts, Professor of Linguistics
Nick Saville, Director of Research and Thought Leadership, Cambridge English Language Assessment
Jane Walsh, Research Development Manager, Cambridge Language Sciences IRC
Laura Wright, Reader in English Language

Advisory Board
An external Advisory Board is being appointed to act as “critical friends” to the IRC.

The following members have been appointed to date:
Prof. Aditi Lahiri, Professor of Linguistics, University of Oxford
Prof. Stephen Levinson, Director (emeritus), Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics
Prof. Antonella Sorace, Professor of Developmental Linguistics, University of Edinburgh

The Advisory Board will meet in Cambridge to coincide with the Annual Symposium.

To find out more on the IRC’s management groups, visit: https://www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/directory/committees

Contacts
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News
Please get in touch with Hazel if you have news or other information to share with the network in the next edition (hd363@cam.ac.uk).

Events
Language Sciences Symposium for early-careers researchers
19 June 2018

New this year—a half-day conference at the Cavonius Centre (Gonville and Caius) for Cambridge Language Sciences graduate students and postdocs.

Speakers include: Dr Anastasia Klimovich-Smith (Centre for Speech, Language, and the Brain), Alexander Kuhne (Dept. of Computer Science and Technology), Dr Paul Nulty (CRASSH), Dr Ana Pérez (Linguistics, Faculty of Modern & Medieval Languages), Dr Dee Rutgers (Faculty of Education)

The call for posters opens in April. Programme information will be posted on the language sciences website soon. Note that
there will still be the opportunity to present posters and to take part in the poster slam at the Annual Symposium in November. This dedicated research symposium for early-careers researchers complements the November event, and we hope to run both events again next year.

Are you interested in helping out at the event? Please get in touch. contact@languagesciences.cam.ac.uk

2018 Annual Symposium, Language Sciences and Health
13 November 2018

Save the date for a day of talks, posters and networking at Cripps Court.

Confirmed speakers: Prof. Usha Goswami (Department of Psychology, Cambridge University), Prof. Courtnay Norbury (Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London) and Dr Sharath Srinivasan (Director of Africa’s Voices Foundation, http://www.africasvoices.org/)

Keep an eye on the website for programme updates.

Cambridge PhD Clinic workshop: “How to track the impact of your publications”—rescheduled due to strike action, new date TBC

Come along to gain some pointers and hands-on experience of tracking and generating research impact.

Details will be posted on the IRC’s website and the PhD Clinic website (http://cambridgephdclinic.com/) as soon as the event has been rescheduled.

Research Strategy Forum
These themed meetings are convened to explore potential research collaboration across disciplines and groups and to act as a driver for new research. To propose a topic for a future meeting please contact the IRC Directors. Places are limited in the interests of enabling round-table discussion. Participation is by invitation, as agreed by the convenor and organiser.

Forthcoming meetings

Education in challenging contexts. Convenor: Prof. Ianthi Tsimpli; Organiser: Jane Walsh jaw75@cam.ac.uk

A meeting on Medical data dialogue is being led by PublicHealth@Cambridge and Cambridge Big Data. Convenor: Dr Nigel Collier; Organiser: Dr Tennie Videler hv219@medschl.cam.ac.uk

Summaries of Forum meetings will be published on the language sciences website and accessible via Raven authentication.

https://www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/research-strategy-forum

Visiting Scholars
Go to our Visiting Scholars page to find out who's in Cambridge this academic year. https://www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/directory/visiting-scholars

If you have a visitor to your department who would like to be listed on this page, please let us know.

Research Incubator Fund
The Incubator Fund was set up in autumn 2016, with the support of the Isaac Newton Trust, to provide seed funding for innovative and cross-disciplinary research in language sciences. Since then £30,210 has been awarded to 11 projects, linking 24 researchers across 10 departments. Further funding has been requested, and if the application is successful the next call will open in April.

A list of the funded projects is on our website:

https://www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/language-sciences-research-incubator-fund

Website
The language sciences website is updated each week. Check out new events, jobs and funding opportunities. www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk

Research Directory
Is your profile up to date? Please take a moment to edit your page. In particular, we're keen for people to list research collaborators from outside Cambridge to highlight external partnerships.

www.languagesciences.cam.ac.uk/directory/editing-your-profile

Keep in touch!
Language sciences mailing list (for internal communications): https://lists.cam.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/ucam-language-sciences

Language sciences on talks.cam: http://talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/34176

Twitter is the main channel for disseminating news externally. Please follow us @CamLangsci, or ask us to tweet/retweet news of your events and publications.

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About us
Cambridge Language Sciences is an Interdisciplinary Research Centre at the University of Cambridge. Our remit is to build on Cambridge's position as a centre of excellence for research and teaching in language sciences, and to create new opportunities for partnerships and collaboration.