

**Report on the World Congress of Foreign Languages and the annual conference  
of the Polish Modern Languages Association (PTN)**

***“Language Education in an Age of Global Transformation – the Need for  
Cooperation and New Perspectives”***

**Warsaw 27-29 June 2022**

From 27 to 29 June 2022 at the University of Warsaw in the modern building of the Modern Languages Faculty, Dobra 55, which won the 2022 Architecture Award of the President of the City of Warsaw in the categories: Public Utility Architecture and Accessibility Solutions, the World Congress of Foreign Languages was held as a joint event together with the annual conference of the Polish Modern Languages Association (PTN). The main theme of the proceedings was ***“Language Education in an Age of Global Transformation – the Need for Cooperation and New Perspectives”***

The Congress was organized by the International Federation of Teachers of Foreign Languages (FIPLV) The Polish Modern Languages Association (PTN) and the Department of Modern Languages, Warsaw University.

155 participants from 21 countries (Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, India, Ireland, Island, Lithuania, Macedonia, Germany, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, USA, Turkey, Hungary and the UK) took part in the Congress and the associated workshops for teachers.

The Congress opened on 27.06.2022. with a plenary session led by the Chair of the Organizing Committee, Anna Jaroszewska, and Maciej Smuk, Professors of Warsaw University. The Dean of the Faculty of Modern Languages dr hab. Robert Małecki, university professor, gave an address, followed by Anna Jaroszewska, the Chair of PTN, and then Radosław Kucharczyk, university professor, Chair of the Coordinating Council for Foreign Language Teaching and Certification of Language Proficiency, Warsaw University. Professor Terry Lamb, vice-chair of FIPLV, welcomed participants on behalf of the International Federation of Teachers of Foreign Languages.

The inaugural lecture *Supporting multilingual classrooms: Plurilingual and inclusive education in migration contexts* was given by Professor Terry Lamb. This was followed by presentations from Professor Katarzyna Karpińska-Szaj *Les recherches sur la rééducation des troubles du langage dans la perspective glottodidactique* and PD Dr. habil. Marion Grein *Die (digitale) Zukunft des DaF-Unterrichts*. Participants then divided for papers in themed sections, held in modern university teaching rooms.

On the evening of the first day conference delegates gathered in the historic Senate Hall in the Kazimierzowski Palace, which is the seat of the Rector's Office of the University of Warsaw, to hear a concert of film music performed by the Wrocław String Quartet, CONTINUO. After the concert there was a banquet during which exquisite dishes from various parts of the world were served by the catering firm 'Marysieńka'.

At the beginning of the second day of the conference Professor Hanna Komorowska was ceremonially presented with the International FIPLV Award Certificate of Honour 2019 – 2020. The Professor Ludwik Zabrocki medal (PTN) was awarded to Professor Katarzyna Karpińska-Szaj, Professor Anna Michońska-Stadnik and dr Jolanta Knieja. The awards ceremony was followed by a plenary lecture from Professor Mirosław Pawlak on *Research into individual differences in SLA and CALL: Looking for intersections*. Next, dr hab. Mariola Jaworska, professor of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, gave a

lecture: *Heterogenitätsproblematik in der Fremdsprachenforschung und -didaktik. Bestandsaufnahme, Perspektiven und offene Fragen.* The final plenary *L'enseignement de la langue des signes française auprès d'un public sourd et d'un public entendant* was given by dr Stéphanie Gobet. The remainder of the day took place in sections.

The third day of the congress kongresu began with papers in sections. An online plenary was then given by Professor Paul Meara. The final plenary of the conference was by Professor Hanna Komorowska with the title „Nauczyciele języków obcych: iluzje – badania – życie.“ [Language teachers: illusions - research – life]. Professor Komorowska's talk also opened the conference for teachers of foreign languages, for whom 12 workshops in English, French, German and Polish were offered. Congress participants continued with talks in sections. The Congress ended at 14.30.

Topics presented during the congress included language teaching research methodology, selected aspects of teaching, including the use of modern media, pedagogical aspects, such issues with interaction in the school classroom, psychological aspects and social aspects, relevant from the perspective of language teaching and learning.

The preparation, organization, and evaluation of this international event was conducted by members of the Organizing Committee, chaired by dr hab. Anna Jaroszewska, university professor, dr hab. Maciej Smuk, university professor, dr hab. Radosław Kucharczyk, dr hab. Krystyna Szymankiewicz, dr Magdalena Grycan, dr Beata Peć, dr Joanna Sobańska (secretary), dr Karolina Wawrzonek and mgr Kinga Łagowska (secretary).

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