



Research Networking Programmes

Short Visit Grant or Exchange Visit Grant

(please tick the relevant box)

Scientific Report

The scientific report (WORD or PDF file – maximum of eight A4 pages) should be submitted online within one month of the event. It will be published on the ESF website.

Proposal Title: Empirical explorations on the semantics and morphology of derived verbs

Application Reference N°: 6621

1) Purpose of the visit

The main purpose of this visit was to continue the line of research initiated by the applicant and Rafael Marín (CNRS, Lille) (Sánchez-Marco & Marín 2011), in which an analysis is proposed to account for the properties of psychological predicates in Spanish such as enfadar 'to get angry' or asustar 'to get afraid', which builds on Gawron's (2005, 2009) approach to the semantics of so-called extent predicates like cover or lengthen. Besides psychological predicates, during this stay we also wanted to explore the semantic properties of locatum/location predicates such as empapelar 'to paper' or encarcelar 'to imprison', which share with many psychological predicates their denominal nature in Spanish.

2) Description of the work carried out during the visit

During this short stay we set the basis for the continuation of our collaboration on the semantics of denominal verbs, with a focus on their aspectual nature. Besides, we also continued our investigation about the origins and development of adjectival passives in Spanish. In this research we observed that precisely those denominal psych and locatum/location verbs containing a prefix (former locative preposition)

such as a-sustar 'to frighten' or en-carcelar 'to imprison' are the first to be found forming clear adjectival passives with estar 'be.LOC' in the earliest centuries.

3) Description of the main results obtained

A direct result of this stay is the paper about the origins and development of adjectival passives in Spanish that will be published by John Benjamins (see in 5, below).

4) Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)

In the future we plan to continue the collaboration with the host institution by participating in international conferences/workshops and publishing in international forums about the historical development of these predicates, and also their aspectual nature.

5) Projected publications / articles resulting or to result from the grant (ESF must be acknowledged in publications resulting from the grantee's work in relation with the grant)

A publication resulting directly from this grant is the following: Marco, C. & Marín, R. Origins and development of adjectival passives in Spanish: A corpus study. To appear in S. Gumiel, M. Leonetti and I. Pérez Jiménez (eds.), 'Ser' & 'Estar' at the interfaces. John Benjamins, Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistic.

Other papers are expected to be published about this topic in the future where the ESF grant will be accordingly acknowledged.

6) Other comments (if any)

References:

- Gawron, J. M. (2005). Generalized paths. In Proceedings of SALT XV.
- Gawron, J. M. (2009). The lexical semantics of extent verbs. San Diego State University, ms.
- S. Marco, C. & Marín, R. (2011). Generalising paths into psychological verbs. Evidence from Spanish. Paper presented at Going Romance 2011 XXV, Utrecht, 7th-8th December.
- S. Marco, C. & Marín, R. (in press). Origins and development of adjectival passives in Spanish: A corpus study. To appear in S. Gumiel, M. Leonetti and I. Pérez Jiménez (eds.), 'Ser' & 'Estar' at the interfaces. John Benjamins, Issues in Hispanic and Lusophone Linguistics.