



Research Networking Programmes

Short Visit Grant or Exchange Visit Grant

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Scientific Report

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Proposal Title: Analogy in English Neologisms

Application Reference N°: 6531

1) Purpose of the visit

The primary aim of the visit was the consultation of scholars and experts on subjects which are related to my interests in general and to the present project work in particular, namely, morphological analogy, word-formation, English (historical) linguistics, English terminology, neologisms, and methods of corpus linguistics. The University of Vienna offered the opportunity to discuss these topics with specialists and authorities in the fields of linguistics, both generally and specifically on English. The scholars (and their teams) who were contacted to discuss the above-mentioned project work include the following:

- Prof. Wolfgang U. Dressler (Professor of linguistics, Deputy Head of ICLTT, Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, wolfgang.dressler@univie.ac.at);
- Prof. Franz Rainer (Professor of Romance languages, Institute of Romance languages, University of Vienna, franz.rainer@wu.ac.at);
- Prof. Nikolaus Ritt (Professor of English historical linguistics, University of Vienna, nikolaus.ritt@univie.ac.at);
- Dr. Francesco Gardani (Assistant Professor, Institute for Romance Languages, Vienna University of Economics and Business, francesco.gardani@wu.ac.at);
- Dr. Karlheinz Mörth (Senior researcher and project leader at the ICLTT, Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, karlheinz.moerth@oeaw.ac.at);
- Dr. Matej Durco (Technical support ICLTT, Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, matej.durco@assoc.oeaw.ac.at).

2) Description of the work carried out during the visit

The following activities have been carried out during the short visit:

- Various stimulating discussions with Prof. Dressler on the organisation and content of the book 'Analogy in New English Words' (in preparation). More specifically, the discussions were on topics such as (1) the definition of analogy, (2) the elaboration of a model of analogy (surface analogy vs. analogy via schema), (3) the concepts of proportion and substitution, (4) the distinction between analogy and rule, (5) creativity vs. productivity, (6) the origin and analysis of specific examples of analogical formations. Two articles on poetic licence (from Dressler and Panagl eds. 2003), a book on occasionalisms (Christofidou 1994) and a thesis on phonesthemes (Nora Wanka's thesis 'Phonästhetische Submorpheme – im Allgemeinen und unter besonderer Berücksichtigung des Englischen') were photocopied and discussed with Prof. Dressler.
- A meeting with Prof. Rainer for a discussion on topics related to analogy in word-formation (e.g. in grammatical vs. extra-grammatical morphology) and more specific discussions on the manuscript of the first two chapters of the book 'Analogy in New English Words' (in preparation). Bibliographical suggestions were given during this meeting. An article on analogy in Spanish (Rainer 2013) was discussed during this meeting.
- A meeting with Prof. Ritt for a discussion on analogy and its diachronic relevance: e.g., the evolution from surface analogy to sub-schema, schema, and eventually rule, or the development from a blend splinter to a combining form (as in -tainment in infotainment, docutainment, etc.).
- A meeting with Dr. Mörth for suggestions on corpus linguistics tools and corpora.
- A meeting with Dr. Matej Durco for suggestions on the use of Sketch Engine for the collection of analogical formations in English corpora (BNC and enTenTen12).
- A visit to the Vienna University Library (Universität Wien) for a consultation of the catalogue and of some books (e.g. Hermann 1931; Hockett 1968; Cacciari ed. 1995).
- A visit to the Library of the Department of English and American Studies of Vienna University.

3) Description of the main results obtained

A Short Visit to the University of Vienna was fundamental for my research on analogy in word-formation or various reasons. First, it was essential for the elaboration of a model where analogy can be distinguished in different sub-types and also combined with rule and productivity. Second, it was important to identify some inconsistencies and to discuss some problems with my approach, my data, their meaning, source and origin. Third, it was necessary for the organisation of the chapters 2-7. I discussed the outline of the book at length with Prof. Dressler and we decided on the best way to organise the theoretical chapter (chap. 2) and the specific chapters on specialised analogies, slang(uage) analogies, journalistic analogies, and literary analogies (chaps. 3-7). Fourth, it was useful to discover old and recent bibliographical material to enrich the part on the previous pertinent literature on analogy. Lastly, the experts that I consulted gave me their feedback and many important suggestions on how to proceed in my work and how to eventually publish it with an International Publishing House.

4) Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)

We have not agreed on specific future collaboration with the host institution. However, I got the contact details (e-mail addresses) of all experts – including Dr. Gardani who was not in Vienna in the period of my visit – and they offered their help for future enquiries into the matter of analogy in general or for doubts or problems that may arise in related future work.

In particular, Prof. Dressler offered his help for future discussions of the topics of the book during his visits to Italy in March and July 2015.

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*)

Mattiello, E. (2014) “Analogical nonce words and L2 learning”. Paper presented at the 12th ESSE Conference, Seminar SLANG 28 Non-words, nonce-words and morphology teaching, Košice, Slovakia, 29 August-2 September 2014.

Mattiello, E. (forth., submitted to *Folia Linguistica*) “Analogical neologisms in English”. Mattiello, E. (in prep.) *Analogy in New English Words*.

6) Other comments (if any)