

Report of the Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes*
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Dear Colleagues:

Overall, the journal is in solid shape. Our major accomplishment was a special triple issue to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the collapse of the USSR, Vol. LIII, nos. 2-3-4. In addition to three articles on a range of topics and our usual large book review section, this 500-page issue included five articles solicited through a call for papers and ten review articles by leading scholars in our field (most of them Canadians and working in Canada) exploring developments in the various subfields of our discipline over the last two decades. An equally important achievement—if we are to continue to produce a high-quality journal—was that we were awarded a grant by the Aid to Scholarly Publications programme at SSHRC, valued at \$64,800 over three years. Work is underway on a special issue exploring Historical Memory and the Second World War in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus, guest-edited by Professor David Marples of the University of Alberta, and for a special section devoted to papers to be presented by Canadian scholars at the International Congress of Slavists in Minsk in 2013. We continue to seek ways to preserve and strengthen the journal's financial position. A financial statement is included at the end of this report.

I would like to thank the University of Alberta, which has hosted our journal for over twenty years now, for its continuing support. In conjunction with my taking over the editorship, the journal moved from the purview of the Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies to that of the Department of History and Classics. We moved to a new office in August 2011 and have established a good working relationship with the administrative staff in the Department of History and Classics this year. I would like to personally thank Ms. Louise Jenkins and Ms. Melanie Marvin for their ongoing assistance in financial matters and for finding us space and facilitating our move.

Here, in point form, are some highlights of the year:

Publication

Volume 53 of *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* appeared as one single and one triple issue in 2011. We published 10 articles and 13 review articles for a total of 677 pages:

- Vol. LIII, No. 1 (March 2011)
- Vol. LIII, Nos.2-3-4 (June-September-December 2010)

Subscriptions

Currently, CSP/RCS has 287 individual member/subscribers and 252 institutional subscribers, for a total of 539. This represents a significant drop in individual members, which seems to be associated primarily with low attendance at last year's conference. Revenue from subscriptions

and membership declined from \$32,259.18 to \$28,688.12. A slight drop in institutional subscriptions seems to be part of a long-term downward trend and a concern as well.

CSP/RCS Archive

The CSP/RCS archive continues to be updated, presently containing everything we have published between 1956 and 2011. The archive is searchable and individual articles are available for purchase via PayPal for non-members. We have had a great increase in use of this service over the past year, with scholars from North America, all regions of Europe, Australia and Japan purchasing articles and, in some cases, entire back issues in PDF format. CAS members can have complete and unlimited access to the archive for \$5.00 a year. We encourage all CAS members who have not already done so to explore the benefits that the archive offers by visiting <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~csparxiv/index.php> and subscribing.

Agreements with EBSCO and JSTOR

In 2009 CSP/RCS signed an agreement with EBSCO Publishing, the world's largest database aggregator, to include all our current and past content in their databases. We envisioned two benefits from this agreement: 1) authors are assured that their research is accessible to, and discoverable by, a worldwide reading audience; 2) CSP/RCS receives additional royalties. At present EBSCO continues work on adding CSP/RCS content to its databases. Although our hopes for “additional royalties” do not seem to have been realized, we have finally begun to receive some real royalty income: \$1,318.97 (vs. \$154.49 last year). Overall, we are convinced that the net benefits of being part of EBSCO outweigh any potential danger to our subscriptions.

Our agreement with JSTOR to participate in its archive is now active: our archive is digitized and available. JSTOR is “an independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the scholarly community discover, use, and build upon a wide range of intellectual content in a trusted digital archive.” It allows scholars “to browse, search and print materials directly from their desktops.” CSP/RCS is now part of a consortium of 6000 institutions and 700 scholarly societies and publishers throughout the world participating in JSTOR. In order not to jeopardize our subscriptions, we have not included current issues, creating instead a two-year “moving wall” that represents the gap between the last issue available in JSTOR and the most recently published issue of CSP/RCS. JSTOR also makes possible the sale of single articles to individuals unaffiliated with a JSTOR participating institution.

CSP/RCS is also available digitally on Proquest Canadian Periodicals and Proquest CBCA Complete, from 1996 onwards, to subscribing libraries.

Administration

This year, the CSP/RCS office was once again in the hands of our Assistant Editor, (now!) Dr. Svitlana Kryz. I would like to express my deep appreciation for her truly excellent work and commitment to CAS and its journal. As I found my way through the first year-long cycle as editor, Svitlana was a constant source of advice, institutional knowledge, and moral support.

Our book review editorial team this year included Sarah Turner, University of Waterloo (Language and Linguistics), Mark Conliffe, Willamette University (Literature and Art), and Alison Rowley, Concordia University (History and Social Sciences). Sarah Turner has recently informed me that she has resigned from her position at the University of Waterloo and will leave the CSP/RCS editorial team when I find a replacement for her. On behalf of the journal and our association members, I would like to thank Dr. Turner for her fine service in this position. I wish her the very best as she pursues new career directions. I am deeply grateful to all of the book review editors for their hard work, collegiality, and skilful editing.

Our members have, as always, been faithful in their service to the journal as book reviewers and article referees. I would especially like to thank those who acted as an anonymous reviewer. In the last year alone, approximately 60 scholars from Canada and throughout the world generously contributed their time and expertise to evaluate articles submitted to CSP/RCS. Without their unsung help, the high standards of our collective enterprise would be impossible to maintain.

As a still-new editor, I continue the process of rethinking the editorial and advisory boards to better serve the needs of the journal, most especially in providing me with intellectual support as editor. We are also moving forward slowly to realize my objective of making CSP/RCS truly bilingual both in presentation and in fact. We received some funding through SSHRC to assist in this process.

Finances

The CSP/RCS Financial Report appears on the next page.

The Report reflects our fiscal year cash flow, i.e., income and expenses. We have a back-up savings fund called the CAS Reserve Fund, a balance that carries over from year to year but is not part of annual operating expenses or income. Currently our annual equity stands at a deficit of -\$8,219.54 (last year, the deficit was -\$7,309.70 and in 2010 it was -\$11,050.13). These continuing deficits have been covered by our Reserve Fund. Our current equity stands at \$92,857.08 (which includes an advance of our 2012-2013 SSHRC grant of \$20,600).

In addition to our usual subscription and SSHRC income, a one-time grant of \$5,326.23 this year from the Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council allowed us to subsidize the Assistant Editor's salary. This is non-renewable. We continue to seek grant opportunities.

Overall, although our budget is feeling pressure from increased salary costs and some drop in income, in the short term the situation is manageable given the existence of our Reserve Fund and our successful application for a SSHRC grant. Nevertheless, in the long term it will be very important for us to re-examine our financial model. These ongoing deficits are a serious concern and I am exploring means of eliminating them. Beginning in September, our Assistant Editor's hours will be reduced and I will use some research assistant money that I have through my Canada Research Chair grant to provide an internship position for a student. However, the CRC money will not last forever and I am pondering a range of measures for balancing the budget while preserving a professional position (Assistant Editor) for a scholar in our field in Canada.

CSP Financial Report

April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012: 2011 Fiscal Year

April 1 2011-March 31 2012	April 1 2010-March 31 2011	April 1 2009-March 31 2010
INCOME	INCOME	INCOME
Advertisements 95.00	Advertisements 994.36	Advertisements 0.00
Archive Subscription 40.90	Archive Subscription 157.08	Archive Subscription 116.34
SSHRC 22,750.00	SSHRC 16,900.00	SSHRC 15,200.00
Other Grants (Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council - salary subsidy for the Assistant Editor) 5,326.23	Other Grants (Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council - salary subsidy for the Assistant Editor) 7,423.77	Other Grants, Donations 0.00
Interest 0.00	Interest 0.00	Interest 0.00
Membership and Subscription 28,688.12	Membership and Subscription 32,259.18	Membership and Subscription 31,870.88
Other (Cash from book sale) 65.00	Other (Paypal deposit to verify account) 0.14	Other 0.00
Royalties 1,318.97	Royalties 154.49	Royalties 492.22
Sales 301.75	Sales 39.39	Sales 241.78
TOTAL INCOME 58,585.97	TOTAL INCOME 57,928.41	TOTAL INCOME 47,921.22
EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
Uncategorized: Advertising at the 2011 Congress Book Fair; paid through Canadian Association of Learned Journals 50.00	Uncategorized: Membership in Canadian Association of Learned Journals 155	Uncategorized 0.00
Bank Charges 75.02	Bank Charges 84.37	Bank Charges 73.72
CAS Transfer 4,882.82	CAS Transfer 4,200.74	CAS Transfer 0.00
CAUS Transfer 0.00	CAUS Transfer 931.74	CAUS Transfer 870.87
Computer Equipment and Maintenance 40.00	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 155.49	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 352.28
Office Expenses 685.49	Office Expenses 426.62	Office Expenses 534.87
Postage and Delivery General 7,047.02	Postage and Delivery General 4,637.93	Postage and Delivery General 7,334.32
Printing and Paper 9,990.57	Printing and Paper 7,814.10	Printing and Paper 11,251.67
Salary, Wages 44,034.59	Salary, Wages 46,832.12	Salary, Wages 38,354.84
Cancellations 0.00	Cancellations 0.00	Cancellations 198.78
TOTAL EXPENSES 66,805.51	TOTAL EXPENSES 65,238.11	TOTAL EXPENSES 58,971.35
Equity April 1 2012 -8,219.54	Equity April 1 2011 -7,309.70	Equity April 1 2010 -11,050.13

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