

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

2016 was a good year intellectually and financially for *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes*. We marked our sixtieth anniversary with a party at the CAS conference in Calgary in May 2016 and by publishing an interesting speech, given by the prominent Canadian Slavist, Watson Kirkconnell, to the annual meeting of the CAS in 1957. (Thanks to Jars Balan for drawing it to my attention). This was the second year of our publishing partnership with the British publisher Taylor & Francis (a division of Routledge) and our journal is available to, and being read by, ever more readers. Our financial situation is healthy, as the financial statement included at the end of this report attests. I would like to thank the University of Alberta, which has hosted our journal for over twenty years, for its continuing support. The Department of History and Classics continues to provide office space and financial administrative help. The office of the Vice-President (Research) and the Editing Scholarly Journals fund provided me with a course release for this academic year to assist me in my work on the journal.

Here are some highlights of the year:

Publication

Volume 58 of *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* appeared as four single issues in 2016. We published 13 refereed articles, one document with introduction, one interview, and one review article (as well as book reviews and four obituaries) for a total of 452 pages. Article authors hailed from Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Russia, Italy, and Ukraine.

Subscriptions

In 2016, CSP/RCS had 212 individual member/subscribers and 152 institutional subscribers, for a total circulation of 364 hard copies. (As I write, we have 200 subscribers for 2017). Institutional subscriptions, now managed by Taylor & Francis, remained almost stable (we had 157 in 2015, an expected drop due to Taylor & Francis's higher price). These core subscriptions remain critical to our economic health – please encourage your institutions to renew! Once again, we also had new core subscriptions, including our first in Israel. Libraries can also subscribe to Taylor and Francis's online "subject collection" subscriptions and we are included in their "Politics, IR and Areas Studies" and "Social Sciences and Humanities Library" packages, meaning that there were 2,407 institutions with access to the journal in 2016.

CSP/RCS Archive

The CSP/RCS archive contains everything we published between 1956 and 2014. We are no longer offering subscriptions to it. It remains up on our website, but the full archive, updated to the latest issue, is now available to all members at no charge on the journal's page on the Taylor

and Francis website. All members should have received an e-mail explaining how to gain access to our archive through Taylor and Francis.

Electronic Distribution

Our journal is available electronically at 2,407 institutions internationally through Taylor & Francis. Our agreements with JSTOR and EBSCO continue as well. The royalties are now collected by Taylor & Francis and a portion shared with us for the duration of our licensing agreement. As mentioned, the full archive is now also available through Taylor & Francis. Articles are being downloaded all over the world. Usage almost doubled in 2016!

Agreement with Taylor & Francis

Our agreement with Taylor & Francis to publish CSP/RCS began on 1 January 2015 and continues through 2021. The journal and its contents still belong to the Canadian Association of Slavists, and all editorial decisions remain our own, but Taylor & Francis holds the license to publish the journal for this period and will take charge of the production, marketing, and distribution. Overall, work with them continues to go well. We have enjoyed working with their team and have appreciated their responsiveness to our many questions. There continue to be some hiccups with copy-editing and distribution, which we hope to iron out. We are particularly happy with the increased visibility of the journal through the extensive marketing apparatus of Taylor & Francis.

Administration

Oksana Vynnyk, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta, continued to manage the office and the technical editing of the journal this year as our Editorial Assistant. 2016 ended on a low note when Oksana suffered a serious accident and was forced to take an extended leave, but I'm delighted to report that she will make a full recovery and is fully back at work. I want to thank Oksana for her enthusiasm and her dedication to the well-being of the journal and association.

During Oksana's convalescence, two doctoral students from History and Classics, Shona Allison and Larysa Bilous assisted in the management of our office. I am very grateful to them both for stepping up to the plate!

An important administrative innovation, launched in December 2016, is the use of Taylor and Francis's "Editorial Manager" article submission system. In the autumn, Oksana and I spent a lot of time working with the T&F development team to set up the system and learn how to use it.

This past winter, Oksana also launched the journal's Twitter account. Follow us now for updates on contents and news about our journal and its authors: <https://twitter.com/CanSlavPapers>

The book review editorial team is composed of Elisabeth Elliott of Northwestern University (Language and Linguistics), Kate Holland of the University of Toronto (Literature and Culture), Tanya Richardson of Wilfrid Laurier University (Social Sciences), and Jeff Sahadeo of Carleton University (History). Many thanks to all 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 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.

Finances

The CSP/RCS Financial Report appears on the next page. The Report reflects our fiscal year cash flow, i.e., income and expenses. Currently our annual equity stands at \$32,607.77. The journal is back on track with the back-up savings fund that the Canadian Association of Learned Journals recommends that every journal maintain. Our current equity is \$177,986.96.

This year confirmed my optimism that our association with Taylor & Francis will bring us greater financial stability than we have enjoyed in recent years. You will note under “income” that we received a £10,200 (\$20,637.49) editorial expenses payment from Taylor & Francis in January 2017 – a payment we will receive (with small increases for inflation) each year. Despite the unfortunate drop in the rate of the British pound, royalties also went up. Due to a clerical error, there is £2500 (approximately \$4300) missing from the royalties received for 2016 (only the payment of \$6778.92 is noted). This is significantly higher than our royalties before joining Taylor & Francis. Taylor & Francis has assumed responsibility for all production, distribution, and mailing costs; we continue to manage our own membership list and pay a set rate of \$25/member per volume for our individual (membership) subscriptions. In 2016, that cost us \$5538.00. This is significantly less than we were spending on printing and mailing when we were self-published.

An expense not listed (the cheque was not sent before March 31) is the transfer of dues collected for the CAS-affiliated Canadian Association of Ukrainian Studies. The amount is \$951.89.

In the normal course of events, we would have found ourselves applying for a renewal of our SSHRC Aid to Scholarly Journals grant this spring. However, we have been informed by SSHRC that they are reconsidering the programme and, in the meantime, we will receive one more year of funding at last year’s level (\$24,450). I hope to learn more about the fate of the programme at Congress and to be able to report at our AGM. If SSHRC goes to an open-access model, we may not be able to continue to apply, now that we publish with a commercial publisher. However, we are now in a position where we could survive without SSHRC, although SSHRC funding would certainly allow us to update our office equipment and lighten the editor’s load by permitting us to hire copy-editing help.

CSP Financial Report
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<i>April 1 2016-March 31 2017</i>	<i>April 1 2015-March 31 2016</i>	<i>April 1 2014-March 31 2015</i>
INCOME	INCOME	INCOME
Advertisements 0.00	Advertisements 0.00	Advertisements 0.00
Archive Subscription 10.15	Archive Subscription 140.90	Archive Subscription 112.08
SSHRC 24,450.00	Other Grants: T&F Transfer 20,290.86	SSHRC 48,050.00
Other Grants: T&F Transfer 20,637.49		Other Grants: T&F Transfer 21,957.50
		Other Grants: The Publishing Scholarly Journals at the UofA grant 7,274.57
Membership and Subscription 11,772.96	Membership and Subscription 15,615.53	Membership and Subscription 15,830.21
Other: Permissions 0.00	Other: Permissions 308.73	Other: Permissions 514.55
Royalties 6,778.92	Royalties 10,995.88	Royalties 5,488.93
Sales 0.00	Sales 25.00	Sales 424.95
TOTAL INCOME 63,649.52	TOTAL INCOME 47,376.90	TOTAL INCOME 99,652.79
EXPENSES 0	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
Uncategorized	Uncategorized 0.00	Uncategorized 0.00
Bank Charges 104.06	Bank Charges 133.18	Bank Charges 89.92
CAS Transfer 5,000.00	CAS Transfer 2,194.40	CAS Transfer 1,673.23
CAUS Transfer 0.00	CAUS Transfer 2,141.60	CAUS Transfer 0.00
Computer Equipment and Maintenance 0	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 0	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 0
Office Expenses 419.3	Office Expenses 318.12	Office Expenses 408.81
Postage and Delivery General 829.79	Postage and Delivery General 931.58	Postage and Delivery General 3,180.26
Members Copies 5,538.75	Members Copies 5,040.00	Printing and Paper 4,874.34
Salary, Wages 19,869.29	Salary, Wages 29,282.29	Salary, Wages 30,518.29
Cancellations / Refunds 0.00	Cancellations / Refunds 160.00	Cancellations / Refunds 38.59
TOTAL EXPENSES 31,761.19	TOTAL EXPENSES 40,201.17	TOTAL EXPENSES 40,783.44
Equity April 1 2017 32,607.77	Equity April 1 2016 7,175.73	Equity April 1 2015 58,869.35