Pre-conference mini-workshop
"Debating the uncertain future of linguistics publishing"

Tuesday, 1 September 2015, 16h-19h
Lipsius Building Leiden, Room 227 (http://visitors.leiden.edu/buildings/lipsius.html)
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For the last 15 years, there has been a tectonic shift in the way we disseminate our research results: While printed journals and books and individual libraries were crucial until the late 20th century, the internet now makes them largely dispensable. As a result, a potential clash between scholarly and commercial interests has emerged: While scholars want recognition and easy access to their output, commercial publishers put a barrier on access. Increasingly, it seems that we go to Academia.edu for access to recent research, and to the commercial publisher for academic recognition. But these publishers are not academic institutions, and it appears that their access-providing services are becoming increasingly redundant, making the current system look unsustainable. The future of academic publishing is thus quite uncertain. The old business model of academic publishing no longer corresponds to current reality, and while Open Access has often been portrayed as a solution, the increasing number of OA spam journals does not inspire confidence in the idea of author-pays publishing. In any event, scholars should have a say in how publishing will be organized, and this mini-workshop provides an opportunity to discuss these issues.

Speakers:

Martin Haspelmath (Language Science Press): "Towards scholar-owned publishing: Publishing as an integral part of research and teaching"

Krzysztof Stroński (Lingua Posnaniensis): "Open-access journals in Poland: The Versita (De Gruyter Open) story"

Ekkehard König (Studies in Language): "The future of linguistics publishing: Revolution or reform?"

Dieter Stein (formerly e-Language): "How (not) to achieve a critical mass and get the S-curve taking off in OA publishing"

Volker Gast (De Gruyter's Trends in Linguistics): "Commercial publishers: Partners or enemies?"

Hubert Cuyckens/Nikolaus Ritt (SLE, Folia Linguistica (Historica)): "The SLE perspective: Folia Linguistica and Folia Linguistica Historica"

George Walkden (e-Language (Journal of) Historical Syntax): "Scholar-led open access without APCs"