

## **Report of the Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers***

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Dear Colleagues,

*Canadian Slavonic Papers* is doing quite well. We continue to publish on time, having recently published the first issue of volume 51. Our finances are adequate to our needs. (You will find a complete financial statement at the end of this report.) I'm especially pleased to announce that *CSP* received yet another three-year SSHRC grant, totaling \$45,600. This, of course, is very helpful financially—and a confirmation of the quality of our publication and contributors, because the competition for these grants is strong. Here, in point format, is my report:

### **Publication**

*Canadian Slavonic Papers* published two double issues of Vol. 50 in 2008, for a total of 567 pages; this is an increase of 126 pages from Vol. 49:

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The first issue of volume 51 appeared as a single number. As you know, we have tended to publish double issues over the past few years for several reasons: *Time* (the Editor had very limited or no release time from teaching); *Quality* (there were not enough worthy articles); and *Money* (we needed to save on printing and postage). While *Time* continues to be a problem, we have a markedly improved situation in terms of *Quality* and *Money*. Therefore, we will be attempting to publish single issues more frequently. This year we will publish two single issues and one double issue. All things being equal, we hope to improve on this record next year with more single issues.

### **Subscriptions**

Currently, *CSP* has 672 worldwide subscribers (individuals and institutions). We introduced a very convenient online membership and subscription service a year ago, which allows new people to join *CAS* and continuing members to renew by using PayPal. More recently, we began offering a “green” subscription option that allows *CAS* members to receive *Canadian Slavonic Papers* as a searchable and printable PDF file instead of a hard copy. Initial responses to these initiatives have been quite positive. They save the journal both time and money.

### **CSP Archive**

The *CSP* archive continues to be updated, presently containing everything we have published between 1956 and 2008. This archive is searchable and individual articles are available for purchase via PayPal. Your feedback and impressions of the archive are welcome.

### **Agreement with EBSCO**

*CSP* has signed an agreement with EBSCO Publishing, the world's largest database aggregator, to include all our current and past content in their databases. There are two benefits to this agreement: a) authors will be assured that their work will be accessible to, and discoverable by, a worldwide reading audience; b) *CSP* will receive additional royalties.

## Administration

This year, as last, the *CSP* office was in the very skilled hands of the Editorial Assistant, Svitlana Krys. I would like to express to her my deep appreciation for her truly excellent work and commitment to CAS and the journal, while simultaneously pursuing a demanding doctoral program at the University of Alberta. I am equally in debt to my Book Review Editors, Heather Coleman, University of Alberta (History and Social Science); Gary H. Toops, Wichita State University (Language and Linguistics); and Mark Conliffe, Willamette University, who took over from Allan Reid as the "Literature and Art" Book Review Editor. I am immensely grateful to Allan for his past service to the journal and welcome Mark to our team. Special thanks go to Serhiy Kozakov who continues to assist us with programming of our site and development of the *CSP* archive and payment system. I would also like to thank everyone who has acted as an anonymous reviewer for the journal. In the last two years sixty-six scholars from Canada and throughout the world generously contributed their time and expertise to evaluate articles submitted to *CSP*. Without their help the high standards of our collective enterprise would be impossible to maintain.

## Finances

The *CSP* Financial Report appears below.

We modified the format of the Report slightly from past years to more accurately reflect our fiscal year cash flow, i.e., income and expenses. The Financial Report now contains a separate line for what we call, the Reserve Fund, a balance that carries over from year to year but is not part of annual income. Thus, our annual equity stands at \$4,863.81, but with the Reserve Fund, we have a total equity of \$113,436.08. As you can see from this, the financial status of the journal is sound and secure. Due to our more ambitious publishing plan, I expect expenses to increase in 2009 for salaries, printing, and mailing; we will also be purchasing a new printer.

In 2009 we will be assessing carefully the impact of our agreement with EBSCO, namely, tracking how many institutions will continue to renew their subscriptions and if the royalty increases from EBSCO will cover any shortfalls in institutional subscriptions. We are operating in an environment where SSHRC, under its Aid to Research and Transfer Journals program, is encouraging journals toward open access, while researchers expect instant gratification of their content needs through electronic delivery of articles to their desktops. *Canadian Slavonic Papers* is adjusting to this reality by offering its archive on the Internet and by making its content more prominent through frequently searched databases like EBSCO. I believe these efforts make the journal a more attractive venue for scholars who want international exposure for their work. At the same time, we are working to preserve membership and subscriptions, which continue to be the financial foundations of *CSP*.

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