

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 already published numbers 1-2 (March-June) of volume 52. This issue (9 articles, 247 pages) will reach members shortly. Our finances are adequate to our needs. (You will find a complete financial statement at the end of this report.) In March we received our third and final installment of our SSHRC grant (for a total of \$45,600) and therefore will be applying for another three-year grant as soon as the competition is announced. Here, in point format, are some highlights:

Publication

Volume 51 of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* appeared as three separate issues in 2009. We published 18 articles (one more than last year) for a total of 631 pages (versus 567 last year):

- Vol. LI, Nos. 1, March 2009
- Vol. LI, Nos. 2-3, June-Sept 2009 (Special issue devoted to the 200th anniversary of Gogol's/Hohol's birth)
- Vol. LI, Nos. 4, December 2009

Subscriptions

- Currently, CSP has 360 individual members and 281 institutional subscribers, for a total of 641, down slightly from last year's 672 worldwide subscribers. Revenue, however, from subscriptions and membership is slightly higher than last year's (\$31,870.88 vs. \$30,751.36) because we eliminated from our rolls individuals who refused to renew their membership for more than a year.

CSP Archive

- The CSP archive continues to be updated, presently containing everything we have published between 1956 and 2009. This archive is searchable and individual articles are available for purchase via PayPal for non-members. CAS members can have complete and unlimited access to the archive for \$5.00 a year. A growing number have chosen to pay this nominal fee when renewing their membership. We encourage all CAS members, if you 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.

Agreement with EBSCO and JSTOR

- Last year CSP 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 receives additional royalties. At present EBSCO continues work on adding CSP content to its databases. So far we have not seen any new revenues. We did have three institutional cancellations, but they do not appear to be the result of the EBSCO agreement. At the moment, I believe, the net benefits of being part of EBSCO outweigh any potential danger to our subscriptions.

- Along these lines, I am also considering an offer from JSTOR to participate in their archive, which would open CSP content to new audiences worldwide. 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.” If we join, we would be part of 6000 institutions and 700 scholarly societies and publishers throughout the world participating in JSTOR. In order not to jeopardize our subscriptions, we would not include current issues, creating instead a “moving wall” that represents the gap between the last issue available in JSTOR and the most recently published issue of CSP. “Walls” can be between 3 and 5 years. JSTOR also makes possible the sale of single articles to individuals unaffiliated with a JSTOR participating institution. I would be pleased to hear the opinion of CAS members on this topic.

Administration

- This year, as last, the CSP office was in the very skilled hands of the Editorial Assistant, Svitlana Kryz. 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 (Literature and Art). I would also like to thank everyone who has acted as an anonymous reviewer for the journal. In the last year alone some 68 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 on the next page.
- The Report reflects our fiscal year cash flow, i.e., income and expenses. We have a separate line for what we call, 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 -\$11,050.13 (versus a surplus of \$4,863.81 last year). The extra printing and mailing cost incurred with the publication of the March issue largely accounts for the difference. We also had substantially fewer royalties from sales of back issues and articles, especially from ACCESS, the Canadian copyright licensing agency. The deficit will be covered by our CAS Reserve Fund. Although our budget is feeling a little pressure from increased salary and printing costs, in general the situation is quite manageable given our total equity of \$105,288.36 (down from last year's \$113,436.08). Nevertheless, it will be very important for us to receive another three-year SSHRC grant, for which, as I mentioned above, we will be applying.

		April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010: 2009 Fiscal Year			
April 1 2009-March 31 2010		April 1 2008-March 31 2009		April 1 2007-March 31 2008	
INCOME		INCOME		INCOME	
Advertisements	0.00	Advertisements	540	Advertisements	0.00
Archive Subscription	116.34	Archive Subscription	50.75	Archive Subscription	0.00
SSHRC	15,200.00	SSHRC	13,500.00	SSHRC Grant	14,382.00
Other Grants, Donations	0.00	Other Grants, Donations	0.00	Other Grants, Donations	2,500.00
Interest	0.00	Interest	38.1	Interest	263.33
Membership and Subscription	31,870.88	Membership and Subscription	30,751.36	Membership and Subscription	32,182.68
Other	0.00	Other (reimbursement for postage for books, sent to Italy)	1,633.24	Other	0.00
Royalties	492.22	Royalties	4,649.79	Royalties	2,296.76
Sales	241.78	Sales	639.52	Sales	255.36
TOTAL INCOME	47,921.22	TOTAL INCOME	51,802.76	TOTAL INCOME	51,880.13
EXPENSES		EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00	Uncategorized	0.00	Uncategorized	220.06
Bank Charges	73.72	Bank Charges	143.79	Bank Charges	95.92
Biz Supplies	0.00	Biz Supplies	244.35	Biz Supplies	0.00
CAS Transfer	0.00	CAS Transfer	3,782.13	CAS Transfer	3,861.34
CIUS Transfer	870.87	CIUS Transfer	1,384.36	CIUS Transfer	1,800.25
Computer Equipment and Maintenance	352.28	Computer Equipment and Maintenance	136.49	Computer Equipment and Maintenance	0.00
Other Office	534.87	Other Office	479.3	Other Office	488.21
Postage and Delivery General	7,334.32	Postage and Delivery General	6,925.07	Postage and Delivery General	5,542.46
Printing and Paper	11,251.67	Printing and Paper	8,954.05	Printing and Paper	11,664.90
Salary, Wages	38,354.84	Salary, Wages	24,889.40	Salary, Wages	19,437.09
Cancellations	198.78	Cancellations	0.00	Cancellations	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	58,971.35	TOTAL EXPENSES	46,938.94	TOTAL EXPENSES	43,110.23
Equity April 1 2010	-11,050.13	Equity April 1 2009	4,863.81	Equity April 1 2008	8,769.90
CAS Reserve Fund	116,338.49				
Total Equity	105,288.36				

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