

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

2015 was an exciting year for our journal, the first of our new publishing partnership with the British publisher Taylor & Francis (a division of Routledge). I am happy to report that *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* emerged from the experiment in good intellectual and financial shape. Publication highlights include a special section, “Orthodox Christianity in Russia and Eastern Europe,” guest-edited by Professor Scott M. Kenworthy (Miami University of Ohio) and a special issue, “Nostalgia, Culture, and Identity in Central and Eastern Europe,” guest-edited by Dr. Graham Roberts (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense) and Dr. Anna Louyest (Université Paul Valéry). 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. I am especially grateful to the chair of the Department of History and Classics, David Marples, for his ongoing assistance and moral support. I also wish to thank the office of the Vice-President (Research) and the Editing Scholarly Journals fund for support for a course release in the upcoming academic year.

Here are some highlights of the year:

Publication

Volume 57 of *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* appeared as two double issues in 2015. We published 14 articles and two introductions for a total of 341 pages:

- Vol. LVII, Nos. 1-2 (March-June 2015)
- Vol. LVII, Nos. 3-4 (September-December 2015)

Subscriptions

Currently, CSP/RCS has 207 individual member/subscribers and 156 institutional subscribers, for a total circulation of 363 hard copies. The number of individual members rose for the second year in a row. Institutional subscriptions, now managed by Taylor & Francis, dropped significantly (from 218 for Vol. LV). We expected some decline in institutional subscriptions with the shift to Taylor & Francis, since the price has gone up considerably. These core subscriptions remain critical to our economic health – please encourage your institutions to renew! However, there is also good news: so far we have several new library subscriptions for 2016, including from Japan, France, and Germany. More importantly, Taylor and Francis offers online “subject collection” subscriptions to libraries and we are included in their “Politics, IR and Areas Studies” and “Social Sciences and Humanities Library” packages as well, meaning that there were 2,308 institutions with access to the journal in 2015.

CSP/RCS Archive

The CSP/RCS archive contains everything we have published between 1956 and 2014. We have left it 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.

Electronic Distribution

Our journal is available electronically in 2,308 institutions 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.

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, the first year went well. We have enjoyed working with their team and have appreciated their responsiveness to our many questions. There were some hiccups with copy-editing and distribution, which we hope to have ironed out. We are particularly happy with the increased visibility of the journal through the extensive marketing apparatus of Taylor & Francis.

Administration

On June 30, 2015, we bid farewell to our Assistant Editor, Dr. Svitlana Krysz, when she accepted a tenure-track position at MacEwan University. As I said last year, I am very grateful to her for her many years of devotion to CAS and its journal; this year, I want especially to thank her for her careful management of the transition. She continues to be available to answer questions as we learn how to run the CAS/CSP office without her!

Ms. Oksana Vynnyk, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History and Classics at the University of Alberta, is our new Editorial Assistant. I want to thank Oksana for her quick learning, her enthusiasm, and her dedication to the well-being of the journal and association.

Again this year, the Department of History and Classics provided a 6-hour/week Editorial Assistant, Ms. Shona Allison. Shona also filled in over the summer, between Svitlana's last day and Oksana's start date on September 1. I am very grateful to her for her many contributions.

Finally, we employed Serhiy Kozakov, who designed our original database and website, to do some significant maintenance and upgrades to our system, which have made our day-to-day work much easier.

This has been a year of transitions in our book review editorial team. Elisabeth Elliott of Northwestern University continued in Language and Linguistics, and Alison Rowley of Concordia University served as editor for History and Social Sciences. In summer 2015, Mark Conliffe passed on the Literature and Culture torch to Professor Kate Holland of the University of Toronto. I also made the decision to divide the History and Social Sciences portfolios and am delighted to announce that Professor Tanya Richardson of Wilfrid Laurier University joined our team in December as book review editor for Social Sciences. Finally, this spring, Alison Rowley is retiring as History editor and Professor Jeff Sahadeo of Carleton University has agreed to step into her shoes. Many thanks, Alison, and welcome aboard, Tanya and Jeff! 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 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.

We are also moving forward slowly to realize my objective of making CSP/RCS truly bilingual. We have been working with Ms. Janick Roy on this project, using some funding received through SSHRC. I'm afraid I've been a bit slow on this, but hope to make some more progress this summer.

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 \$7,175.73. This does not include the \$24,000 SSHRC grant as income for this year, because it was paid in advance last year. And so, after several years of deficits, we are fully back on track and building up the back-up savings fund that the Canadian Association of Learned Journals recommends that every journal maintain. Our current equity is \$160,617.59.

Overall, I am optimistic 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 £12,500 (\$20,290.86) editorial expenses payment and advance on royalties from Taylor & Francis in January 2016 – a payment we will receive (with small increases for inflation) each year. We received a further royalty payment of \$10,995.88 based on profits for 2015. 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 mailing list and pay a set rate of \$25/member per volume for our personal (membership) subscriptions. In 2015, that cost us \$5040.00. This is significantly less than we were spending on printing and mailing when we self-published. We saved money as well by employing a graduate assistant (which cost us less than we were paying our Assistant Editor) and through the generous help of the Department of History and Classics in awarding us further hours of graduate assistance.

CSP Financial Report
April 1 2015 - March 1 2016: 2015 Fiscal Year

<i>April 1 2015-March 31 2016</i>	<i>April 1 2014-March 31 2015</i>	<i>April 1 2013-March 31 2014</i>
INCOME	INCOME	INCOME
Advertisements 0.00	Advertisements 0.00	Advertisements 0.00
Archive Subscription 140.90	Archive Subscription 112.08	Archive Subscription 50.45
Other Grants: T&F Transfer 20,290.86	SSHRC 48,050.00	SSHRC 21,450.00
	Other Grants: T&F Transfer 21,957.50	Other Grants 0.00
	Other Grants: The Publishing Scholarly Journals at the UofA grant 7,274.57	
Membership and Subscription 15,615.53	Membership and Subscription 15,830.21	Membership and Subscription 30,087.00
Other: Permissions 308.73	Other: Permissions 514.55	Other: Permissions 411.64
Royalties 10,995.88	Royalties 5,488.93	Royalties 8,289.93
Sales 25.00	Sales 424.95	Sales 617.02
TOTAL INCOME 47,376.90	TOTAL INCOME 99,652.79	TOTAL INCOME 60,906.04
EXPENSES	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
Uncategorized 0.00	Uncategorized 0.00	Uncategorized 0.00
Bank Charges 133.18	Bank Charges 89.92	Bank Charges 100.21
CAS Transfer 2,194.40	CAS Transfer 1,673.23	CAS Transfer 1,785.43
CAUS Transfer 2,141.60	CAUS Transfer 0.00	CAUS Transfer 1,092.61
Computer Equipment and Maintenance 0	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 0	Computer Equipment and Maintenance 66.41
Office Expenses 318.12	Office Expenses 408.81	Office Expenses 346.57
Postage and Delivery General 931.58	Postage and Delivery General 3,180.26	Postage and Delivery General 4,891.02
Members Copies 5,040.00	Printing and Paper 4,874.34	Printing and Paper 12,995.34
Salary, Wages 29,282.29	Salary, Wages 30,518.29	Salary, Wages 40,152.18
Cancellations / Refunds 160.00	Cancellations / Refunds 38.59	Cancellations / Refunds 240.74
TOTAL EXPENSES 40,201.17	TOTAL EXPENSES 40,783.44	TOTAL EXPENSES 61,670.51
Equity April 1 2016 7,175.73	Equity April 1 2015 58,869.35	Equity April 1 2014 -764.47

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