

**Report of the Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers***  
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Dear Colleagues:

It has been a year of transition for *Canadian Slavonic Papers*. On January 1, 2011, after two terms of devoted service to our association as journal editor, Professor Oleh Ilnytskyj handed over the reins to me, as new editor. I want to start my report by thanking Professor Ilnytskyj for his excellent stewardship of our journal. CSP flourished during his tenure as editor, both in terms of scholarly content and through various initiatives to improve the administration, visibility, accessibility, and financial position of our journal. I also want to thank Dr. Ilnytskyj for his ongoing advice as I learn the many aspects of my new job.

Overall, the journal is in solid shape. With the transition, we fell slightly behind in our publication schedule: the Vol. LIII, no. 1 (March 2011) issue appeared in May and is currently being mailed out to subscribers. It includes two articles, three substantial review articles, and 180 pages. Preparations are well underway for a special triple issue (June-September-December 2011) to mark the twentieth anniversary of the collapse of the USSR later in the year.

Our finances were adequate to our needs. A financial statement is included at the end of this report. Our SSHRC grant (total of \$45,600 over the past three years) came to an end on March 31 and we are in the process of applying for new SSHRC funding.

Finally, I should note with thanks the continuing support of the University of Alberta, which has hosted our journal for twenty years now. We are still in the process of transferring the journal from the purview of the Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies to the Department of History and Classics. We expect to move our offices over the summer and will announce our new address at the University of Alberta as soon as we know it ourselves.

Here, in point form, are some highlights of the year:

**Publication**

Volume 52 of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* appeared as two double issues in 2010. We published 16 articles and one review article for a total of 517 pages:

- Vol. LII, Nos. 1-2 (March-June 2010)
- Vol. LII, Nos. 3-4 (September-December 2010)

**Subscriptions**

Currently, CSP has 309 individual member/subscribers and 270 institutional subscribers, for a total of 579. This represents quite a significant drop in individual members (from 360 last year), which seems to be associated primarily with low attendance at this year's conference. Revenue,

however, from subscriptions and membership is slightly higher than last year (\$32,259.18 vs. \$31,870.88), due to our decision to raise rates slightly last year.

### **CSP Archive**

The CSP archive continues to be updated, presently containing everything we have published between 1956 and 2010. 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.

### **Agreements with EBSCO and JSTOR**

In 2009 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 and EBSCO has warned us that the benefits of membership are to be found in visibility and access rather than revenues. At the moment, I believe, the net benefits of being part of EBSCO outweigh any potential danger to our subscriptions.

We have also signed an agreement with JSTOR to participate in its 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.” CSP is now part of a consortium of 6000 institutions and 700 scholarly societies and publishers throughout the world participating in JSTOR. In order not to jeopardize our subscriptions, we have not included current issues, creating instead a two-year “moving wall” that represents the gap between the last issue available in JSTOR and the most recently published issue of CSP. JSTOR also makes possible the sale of single articles to individuals unaffiliated with a JSTOR participating institution. JSTOR is currently digitizing our journal and preparing it for inclusion.

CSP is also available digitally on Proquest Canadian Periodicals and Proquest CBCA Complete, from 1996 onwards, to subscribing libraries.

### **Administration**

This year, once again, the CSP office was in the very skilled hands of Svitlana Kryz, who was promoted from editorial assistant to Assistant Editor. I would like to express my deep appreciation for her truly excellent work and commitment to CAS and the journal, while simultaneously pursuing a demanding doctoral programme at the University of Alberta. During

my first months as editor, she has been a source of advice, institutional knowledge, and moral support.

Until December 2010, the book review editor team included Gary H. Toops, Wichita State University (Language and Linguistics), Mark Conliffe, Willamette University (Literature and Art), and me (History and Social Sciences). Gary Toops resigned his position in December 2010. On behalf of the journal and our association members, I would like to thank Dr. Toops for his five years of devoted service in this position. In January 2011, we welcomed Alison Rowley, Concordia University (History and Social Sciences) and Sarah Turner, University of Waterloo (Language and Linguistics) to the book review team; Mark Conliffe continues to ably lead the Literature and Arts section. I am deeply grateful to the book review editors for their hard work, collegiality, and skilful editing.

I would also like to thank everyone who has acted as an anonymous reviewer for the journal. In the last year alone, approximately 60 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.

As the new editor, I have begun the process of rethinking the editorial and advisory boards to better serve the needs of the journal, most especially in providing me with intellectual support as editor.

## **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 back-up savings fund called 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 -\$7,309.70 (last year, the deficit was \$11,050 and in 2009 we had a surplus of \$4,863.81). This will be covered by our Reserve Fund.

In addition to our usual subscription and SSHRC income, a one-time grant of \$7423.77 this year from the Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council allowed us to subsidize the Assistant Editor's salary. For the second year in a row, we had substantially fewer royalties from sales of back issues and articles, especially from ACCESS, the Canadian copyright licensing agency. This is a serious concern that we are investigating.

Overall, although our budget is feeling a little pressure from increased salary costs and decreased royalties, in general the situation is quite manageable given the existence of our Reserve Fund. Nevertheless, in the long term it will be very important for us to receive another three-year SSHRC grant, for which, as I mentioned above, we are currently applying, and to re-examine our financial model in the changed royalties environment.

# CSP Financial Report

**April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011: 2010 Fiscal Year**

<i>April 1 2010-March 31 2011</i>		<i>April 1 2009-March 31 2010</i>		<i>April 1 2008-March 31 2009</i>	
<b>INCOME</b>					
Advertisements	994.36	Advertisements	0.00	Advertisements	540
Archive Subscription	157.08	Archive Subscription	116.34	Archive Subscription	50.75
SSHRC	16,900.00	SSHRC	15,200.00	SSHRC	13,500.00
Other Grants (Canadian Printing Industries Sector Council - salary subsidy for the Assistant Editor)	7,423.77	Other Grants, Donations	0.00	Other Grants, Donations	0.00
Interest	0.00	Interest	0.00	Interest	38.1
Membership and Subscription	32,259.18	Membership and Subscription	31,870.88	Membership and Subscription	30,751.36
Other (Paypal small deposit to verify account)	0.14	Other	0.00	Other (reimbursement for postage for books	1,633.24
Royalties	154.49	Royalties	492.22	Royalties	4,649.79
Sales	39.39	Sales	241.78	Sales	639.52
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>57,928.41</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>47,921.22</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>51,802.76</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Uncategorized: Membership in Canadian Association of Learned Journals	155	Uncategorized	0.00	Uncategorized	0.00
Bank Charges	84.37	Bank Charges	73.72	Bank Charges	143.79
Biz Supplies	0.00	Biz Supplies	0.00	Biz Supplies	244.35
CAS Transfer (2009-10 combined + extra 3,000)	4,200.74	CAS Transfer	0.00	CAS Transfer	3,782.13
CIUS Transfer	931.74	CIUS Transfer	870.87	CIUS Transfer	1,384.36
Computer Equipment and Maintenance	155.49	Computer Equipment and Maintenance	352.28	Computer Equipment and Maintenance	136.49
Other Office	426.62	Other Office	534.87	Other Office	479.3
Postage and Delivery General	4,637.93	Postage and Delivery General	7,334.32	Postage and Delivery General	6,925.07
Printing and Paper	7,814.10	Printing and Paper	11,251.67	Printing and Paper	8,954.05
Salary, Wages	46,832.12	Salary, Wages	38,354.84	Salary, Wages	24,889.40
Cancellations	0.00	Cancellations	198.78	Cancellations	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>65,238.11</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>58,971.35</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>46,938.94</b>
<b>Equity April 1 2010</b>	<b>-7,309.70</b>	<b>Equity April 1 2010</b>	<b>-11,050.13</b>	<b>Equity April 1 2009</b>	<b>4,863.81</b>

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