

Report of the Editor, *Canadian Slavonic Papers*

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Dear Members of CAS,

I regret that I am unable to present this report in person. Presently, I am in Lviv, Ukraine teaching a course. I am grateful to my Editorial Assistant, Svitlana Kryś, who has graciously consented to read this summary of the state of the journal in my absence.

Canadian Slavonic Papers is doing well. We continue to publish on time and our finances are steady and, generally, adequate. Here, in point format, is an outline of last year's activities:

Publication

Canadian Slavonic Papers published two double issues this year, for a total of 441 pages:

- Vol. XLVIII, Nos. 1-2, March-June 2006
- Vol. XLVIII, Nos. 3-4, September–December 2006

The next issue (Vol. XLVIX, Nos. 1-2, March-June 2007), which is 168 pages in length, went to print in early May and will be mailed out to CAS members and subscribers at the beginning of June. Future issues of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* will contain the “Canadian Contributions to the XIV International Congress of Slavists” in Okhrid, Macedonia.

Subscriptions

Currently, CSP has 650 worldwide subscribers (individuals and institutions).

CSP Archive

By the end of the summer we will have 48 volumes of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* available online. This archive will be searchable and individual articles will be available for purchase via PayPal.

Administration

- This year, as last, the CSP office was in the very skilled hands of the Editorial Assistant, Svitlana Kryś. 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 U of A. 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 Allan Reid, University of New Brunswick (Literature and Art). I would also like to thank all members of CAS who have acted as anonymous reviewers for the journal. Without your help our collective enterprise would be impossible.

Finances

The CSP Financial Report appears on the last page of this document and, I believe, is self-explanatory. We have nearly \$50,000 in equity. The financial status of the journal is thus reasonably sound and secure for the next fiscal year.

1. As Editor, I made application and received a \$2500.00 grant from the University of Alberta under the "Funding For Learned Journals" program.
2. SSHRC is currently revising its Aid to Research and Transfer Journals program, under which we received funding for the last three years. The revisions are designed to encourage open access journals, but will support subscription-based journals like *Canadian Slavonic Papers*. A competition for both types of journals will be held in 2008. In the meantime, we will receive a one-year extension at our current level of support. I will note parenthetically that there is an increasing trend toward open-access, online publishing. I do not believe *Canadian Slavonic Papers* can ignore this trend. The executive will need to discuss this issue in the coming year and I would be happy to receive input and suggestions from all members of CAS.

Initiatives

CSP is working to institute an Internet credit card payment system for members and subscribers. More concrete information will be available in the fall. We hope that this will make membership renewals in CAS less complicated and hence increase our numbers.

Please continue to consider *Canadian Slavonic Papers* as a venue for your publications.

Thank you for your attention.

Oleh S. Ilnytzkyj
Editor

| | 2006-2007 fiscal year | 2006-2007 actual | 2005-2006 | 2004-2005 | 2003-2004 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Equity April 1 | 55,838.59 | 55,838.59 | 37,737.99 | 43,048.04 | 29,776.53 |
| Exchange rate April 1, 2006 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.31 | |
| Exchange rate March 31, 2007 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 1.20 | |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Subscriptions and Memberships | 38,070.71 | 38,070.71 | 33,663.02 | 32,746.65 | 37,044.28 |
| SSHRC Grant | 28,939.00 | 887.00 (see note 1) | 17,612.00 | 0.00 | 16,692.00 |
| Other Grants, Donations | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 3,500.00 |
| Term Deposit Interest | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 148.28 |
| Savings Acct. Interest | 195.59 | 195.59 | 135.42 | 86.77 | 41.43 |
| Sales (Back Issues & Directories) | 139.91 | 139.91 | 174.00 | 457.07 | 164.15 |
| CANCOPY, permissions, etc. | 2,874.17 | 2,874.17 | 2,444.39 | 2,454.03 | 2,041.26 |
| Advertising | 180.00 | 180.00 | 360.00 | 960.00 | 375.00 |
| Label rentals, inserts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Other | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 |
| Adjustment for US\$ bank transfers | 0.00 | 0.00 | 208.00 | 815.49 | |
| Adjustment for US\$ exchange rate | -1,873.17 | -1,873.17 (see note 5) | 0.00 | -2,613.86 | |
| Total Receipts | 68,526.38 | 40,474.38 | 54,596.84 | 37,406.15 | 60,021.40 |
| Equity before Disbursements | 124,364.98 | 96,312.98 | 92,334.83 | 80,454.19 | 89,797.92 |
| Disbursements | | | | | |
| Asst. Editor Salary | 10,138.02 | 10,138.02 (see note 3) | 21,096.96 | 25,084.56 | 27,387.30 |
| Postage & Freight | 3,123.27 | 3,123.27 (see note 2) | 5,300.61 | 5,290.99 | 5,210.64 |
| Printing (U of Alberta) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 92.94 | 29.26 |
| Office/administration | 991.56 | 991.56 | 669.91 | 937.65 | 715.87 |
| Computer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,610.90 |
| Printing Journal | 3,565.22 | 3,565.22 (see note 2) | 7,378.60 | 7,498.30 | 9,901.70 |
| Journal design | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Transfer to CAS | 0.00 | 0.00 (see note 4) | 671.00 | 2,615.25 | 230.00 |
| Promotion/Advertising | 0.00 | 0.00 | 280.68 | 260.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 138.55 | 28,190.55 (see note 1) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 214.50 |
| Bank Charges | 122.10 | 122.10 | 66.48 | 52.41 | 59.71 |
| Transfer to CAUS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,032.00 | 884.10 | 390.00 |
| Total Disbursements | 18,078.72 | 46,130.72 | 36,496.24 | 42,716.20 | 46,749.89 |
| Equity March 31 | 106,286.26 | 50,182.26 | 55,838.59 | 37,737.99 | 43,048.04 |

Footnote #1

To reflect our actual financial condition, the fiscal and calendar year are compared. Because of the timing of SSHRC deposits, we received two installments (\$14,557 + 14,382) in this fiscal year (April 06-March 07): one at the beginning and one at the end. The timing of the deposits exaggerated our total Grant for this year and, of course, our Total Receipts, which do not reflect our actual financial status. [The timing of SSHRC deposits, for example, also misrepresented the fiscal year 2004-2005, which showed (incorrectly) no SSHRC grant.] When adjusted for the differences between the fiscal and calendar year, our Receipts and Disbursements are generally in line with previous years.

What the financial report cannot reflect is that the SSHRC account was in deficit most of 2006-2007 due to the lateness of the SSHRC deposits. As a result, virtually the full amount of the second installment was used to cover that deficit (see Disbursements "Transfer to SSHRC" (\$28,052.00), leaving the SSHRC account with only

Footnote #2

The disconnect between the fiscal year and actual expenditures is also evident under "Printing Journal," which might suggest that our costs this year were half of previous year's. Again this is a timing anomaly based on when we receive and pay the printer's invoice.

Footnote #3

The Assistant to the Editor was restricted this year in the total hours she was allowed to work by regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at the U of A. These restrictions will not be applicable in 2007-2008.

Footnote #4

Again, a timing issue, i.e., the disconnect between the fiscal and actual year. Transfers to CAS by the end of 2007 will be almost \$4000.00; transfers to CUAS, approximately, \$1700.00

Footnote #5

Occasionally money is transferred from our US\$ account to the CAN\$ at the exchanger rate on the day of the transaction. However, at the end of the year all US \$ transactions are reported with the "Year End" exchange rate. The amount shown in "Adjustment for US Exchange Rate" shows change in value of money in the US account as the \$US exchange rate changes from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. If the exchange rate does not change, this cell shows 0 (as in 2005-06).