



# The International Society for the Linguistics of English

The central aim of ISLE is to *promote the study of English Language*, that is, the study of the structure and history of standard and non-standard varieties of English, in terms of both form and function, at an international level.

We aim for the society to provide a geographically and theoretically neutral central contact point for all those who are academically active and who identify with this aim.

Although there are country-specific 'Anglistik', 'English Language and Literature' or 'Linguistics' associations (and we hope to be in contact with these, where appropriate) there is currently no international umbrella organisation fulfilling this role.

ISLE formally came into existence at the first [ISLE conference](#), which took place from the 8th to the 11th of October 2008, in Freiburg, Germany. [More...](#)

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## ISLE-3 Conference

The third ISLE conference is quickly approaching! ISLE-3 will be held at the University of Zurich from 24 to 28 August 2014. More information can be found on the [conference website](#).

## News

### 2014 Hogg Prize Competition

The deadline for this year's Hogg Prize is March 31. Please see the [Hogg Prize page](#) for details.

### Two 2013 Hogg Prize Winners!

Due to the exceptional quality of two papers in the 2013 [Hogg Prize](#) Competition not one, but two Hogg Prizes are awarded this year. The 2013 Richard M. Hogg Prize winners are (in alphabetical order): Axel Bohmann (Austin), "Nobody canna cross it: An interactional perspective on discourse in motion", and Elspeth Edelstein (Aberdeen) "Adverb climbing as evidence for the structure of non-finite complements in English." These papers are available on the [Hogg Prize page](#).

### 2013 ISLE Referendum Results

Two items were decided during the 2013 referendum, taking place from 6 to 19 May 2013: 1) the host institution of ISLE-4, and 2) the period of time between each ISLE conference. Members decided upon Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, to host ISLE-4. Members also decided to change from a triennial conference rhythm to a biennial rhythm, meaning that ISLE-4 will take place in 2016 (two years after [ISLE-3](#), at the [University of Zurich](#)), with successive conferences to be scheduled for each even numbered year following.

### 2013 ISLE Election Results

Elections for the new ISLE executive took place during the two weeks from 4 to 17 March 2013. The elected officials, who will assume their responsibilities after the business meeting at the ISLE-3 Conference in Zurich on 28 August 2014, are:

President-Elect: Edgar Schneider (Regensburg, DE)  
VP Profession: Irma Taavitsainen (Helsinki, FIN)  
VP Research: Martin Hilpert, (Neuchâtel, CH)  
VP Teaching: Elly Van Gelderen (Phoenix, USA)  
Secretary: Jennifer Smith (Glasgow, UK)

The current executive offers congratulations to those elected and would like to take the opportunity to also thank all those who agreed to stand. (Christian Mair, President)

### Derek Britton Access Bursary

Derek Britton, who died of cancer in March 2011, was a historian of English at Edinburgh University. He was well-known and well-liked member of the international research community; his family have now founded an [Access Bursary](#) in his memory. Donations are still welcome, however small.

## ISLE 2014

The next ISLE Conference will take place in Zurich. The date for the conference is 24–27 August 2014.

## ISLE 2011

The [second ISLE Conference](#) took place in Boston, Massachusetts, USA on 17–21 June 2011. [More...](#)

Minutes of the ISLE 2 business meeting are available to members upon [login](#).



## The English Project

The English Project is a project based in Winchester, England, to create a museum for the English language where “visitors – both physically and virtually – will be able to explore the English language in all its vigorous complexity across time and geography” (text taken from the project’s website).

The ISLE Vice-President for the Profession, Bas Aarts, is in discussion with the project’s founders and there are plans for ISLE to help guide the museum’s work. More information about the English Project can be found on [website](#).