

POLISH SCHOOLS OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS - HISTORY, STATUS, PERSPECTIVES. THE CONFERENCE TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW

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On 17-19.11.2022, an anniversary scientific conference titled “Polish schools of applied linguistics - history, status, perspectives” was held under the honorary patronage of Alojzy Nowak, the Rector of the University of Warsaw. The event was organized in order to mark the round - fiftieth - anniversary of the founding of the Institute of Applied Linguistics at the Faculty of Applied Linguistics of the University of Warsaw. The conference was held in a state-of-the-art building at 55 Dobra Street in Warsaw, which was opened this year.

The event began with the opening ceremony of the 50th anniversary of the Institute of Applied Linguistics, attended by His Magnificence Prof. Alojzy Nowak, PhD Hab., the Rector of the University of Warsaw, Magdalena Olpińska-Szkiełko, PhD Hab., Prof. UW, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Linguistics, and Anna Jopek-Bosiacka, PhD Hab., Director of the Institute of Applied Linguistics. After the letter from Przemysław Czarnek, the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland had been read, Professor Franciszek Grucza - the author of the comprehensive and innovative concept of applied linguistics, as well as the founder and first, long-time director of the Institute of Applied Linguistics - was honoured. Then, the participants listened to a commemorative lecture delivered by Professor F. Grucza. The first day of the Anniversary celebrations ended with a gala dinner, which was preceded by the *Telemann's Poland* concert of baroque music performed by Orkiestra Czasów Zarazy.

The second day of the conference was devoted to delivering scientific presentations, divided into thematic sections: Language, Specialized Communication, Glottodidactics and Translation Studies. The conference was opened by Prof. Ewa Żebrowska, PhD Hab., the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs of the Faculty of Applied Linguistics. The conference included the opening lecture by Prof. Małgorzata Tryuk, PhD Hab. (UW), titled „Z zagadnień tłumaczenia ustnego. Przeszłość – teraźniejszość – perspektywy” (“The Issues of Interpreting. Past - present - prospects”), as well as the plenary lectures by Prof. Piotr Stalmaszczyk, PhD Hab. (UŁ), titled „Pytania o naturę języka: pomiędzy językoznawstwem a filozofią języka” (“Questions about the nature of language: between linguistics and the philosophy of language”) and Agnieszka Andrychowicz-Trojanowska, PhD Hab. (UW), titled „O badaniach w glottodydaktyce – wczoraj, dziś i jutro” (“On research in glottodidactics - yesterday, today and tomorrow”).

During the third day of the conference, the Culture and Literature section was added to the topics of the presentations, and as many as four plenary lectures were delivered: by Prof. Ewa Żebrowska, PhD Hab. (UW), titled „Językoznawstwo (stosowane): pomiędzy empiryzmem i aprioryzmem” (“(Applied) Linguistics: Between empiricism and apriorism”), by Renata Dampc-Jarosz, PhD Hab. (UŚ), titled „Początek i koniec, czyli co kryje się za progiem? O

uwodzeniu, formowaniu i poszukiwaniu w kontekście przemian kultury niemieckiej” (“The beginning and the end, or what hides on the doorstep? On seduction, formation and exploration in the context of the German cultural change,”), by Małgorzata Gaszyńska-Magiera, PhD, Hab.. Prof. UW, titled „Przekład literacki i wędrówki pamięci. O przekładach prozy obozowej Jorgego Semprúna na hiszpański i polski.” (“Literary Translation and the Wanderings of Memory. On the translations of Jorge Semprún’s camp prose into Spanish and Polish.”), and Agnieszka Biernacka, PhD Hab. (UW), titled „Tłumaczenie sądowe na odległość” (“Remote Judicial Translations”).

In addition, during the conference, the participants were encouraged to see the anniversary exhibition titled “50 Years of the Institute of Applied Linguistics”.

The 50th anniversary of the Institute of Applied Linguistics of the University of Warsaw is not only a memorable, joyous occasion for the University, but also for all the numerous researchers, scientists, and everyone who deals with applied linguistics, thus developing and continuing the concepts of Professor Franciszek Grucza. It is so, as since the establishment of the Institute, Polish applied linguistics has developed so strongly and extensively that it no longer makes sense to talk about a single “school”; hence, the aforementioned “schools”. Having honoured half a century of history and achievements of the Warsaw school of applied linguistics, the organizers assure that these “50 years” have been just “the good beginning.”