

Letter from 2017 Vocabulary SIG Symposium Organizers

Dear Readers,

It is our pleasure to present to you a series of articles from the Vocab SIG Symposium in Osaka, September 9th, 2017. Held at Osaka Jogakuin University and Junior College. The day began with a morning session on Corpus Linguistics and Vocabulary, featuring our discussant Dr. Laurence Anthony who placed the four invited presentations within a newly created framework which answers the question, “what is corpus linguistics?”. After enjoying the poster session and a relaxing lunch, the day continued with the four invited speakers in the afternoon session about Vocabulary Learning, with comments and suggestions for the future from our discussant Dr. David Beglar. After ample time for questions, we were happy to see everyone break off into engaged conversation revolving around the day’s topics.

As organizers, we’d like to give our sincere thanks to the student volunteers from Osaka Jogakuin who kindly helped the event run smoothly, as well as our “caterer” Steve Porritt, and Jeff Stewart and other members of the Vocab SIG committee who offered their guidance throughout the planning of the event.

We hope that you enjoy the articles that follow! Please also consider submitting your own article to the VLI, which publishes original research regarding vocabulary learning, instruction, and assessment. See the SIG website for the submission guidelines.

Best Regards,

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