Editorial note on the publication of academic event reports

It is by now a truism to say that the interdisciplinarity of humour research is one of its most important strengths (if not the most important one). Scholars from a wide variety of fields are attracted to humour-related topics and phenomena, hence it seems that academic communities around the world (hopefully) become increasingly less surprised to hear that there is such an academic field of study called humour research or humour studies. As a consequence, besides the humour conferences organised by the International Society of Humour Studies (ISHS) every year, other conferences or academic events on humour are organised, some of them being announced through The Humorous Times, the official ISHS newsletter.

In this context, we have decided to start publishing reports on conferences, workshops, or panels, aiming at rendering various approaches and studies on humour more visible and known to our community of scholars interested in such issues. We therefore welcome descriptive and/or critical reports on academic events related to humour by scholars who organised, participated in, or attended them. Such reports are expected to summarise the scope of the presentations delivered in such events as well as to account for their significance in the field of humour studies and in relation to previous research. The length of such reports would rather not exceed 3,000 words and the submissions will be reviewed by the EJHR Editorial team. We will make an effort to publish them as quickly as possible, so that our readers stay informed on currently debated topics within humour research.

Thus, in the present issue, we publish the first two such reports: the first one is by Sabina Tabacaru (Université Paris 8, France) discussing the panel on “The diversity of irony” held during the 14th International Cognitive Linguistics Conference (ICLC14) in July 2017 in Tartu, Estonia; the second one is by Władysław Chłopicki (Jagiellonian University, Poland) discussing the humour panels included in the 15th International Pragmatics Association (IPrA) Conference, held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, also in July 2017.

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