

International Council of Onomastic Sciences



Brief Presentations of the Nominees for the ICOS Board (2017-2020)

1. PRESIDENT

Paula Sjöblom is Senior Lecturer (from 2011), and Adjunct Professor (= Docent; from 2008) of Finnish language in the University of Turku, Finland. As of 2016 she has also been the Editor-in-Chief of *Sananjalka*, a multidisciplinary annual publication of the Finnish Language Society. Her main research interests are commercial names, names in language in relation to cognitive and functional linguistics, socio-onomastics, marketing communications, language of advertising, and multimodality.

Sjöblom passed her MA examination in 1988 and did her PhD in 2006 at the University of Turku. Her dissertation thesis was about Finnish company names, and it was rewarded as the best thesis of the year by the Faculty of Humanities, Univ. Turku, and was awarded the Prize for an outstanding thesis by the Society for the Study of Finnish, Helsinki.

Paula Sjöblom has also worked as Lecturer of Finnish language and business communications at the Turku School of Economy (2008–2011) and Helsinki School of Economy (2007–2008); Lecturer of Finnish language and culture for foreigners (2001–2007) and Assistant of Finnish language (1998–2001) at the University of Turku; Public relations officer at the National Finnish MS Society (1989–1998); Part time news journalist, Finnish News Agency, Turku regional editorial office (1984–1988).

As regards Sjöblom's other activities, in 2008–2016 she had a secondary occupation as the Fund officer in one of the regional funds of the Finnish Cultural Foundation which is one of the biggest foundations in Europe. She has experience in evaluating bachelor and doctoral thesis, and she has written numerous referee statements for scientific journals. She has had many positions of trust: Member of ICOS Board (2014–2017); Substitute of NORNA (2007–

2012); Secretary (2000–2004) and Member of the Board (2005–) of the Finnish Language Society; Member of the editorial board of the journal *Virittäjä* (Finnish Language Society; 2015–); Chair of the organizing committee and the scientific committee of Names in the Economy IV, Turku 2012; Member of organizing and scientific committees of several international conferences (fields: onomastics, branding).

In addition, Sjöblom has been a member of many name competition juries, given several requested statements about naming and tens of interviews about names in public media. She has published ca. 40 scientific articles and 4 scientific books. She is married, and she has 3 children (1988, 1990, 1996).

2. VICE-PRESIDENT

Professor **Urszula Bijak** holds a position at the [Institute of the Polish Language at the Polish Academy of Sciences](#) in Kraków, Poland, since 1986. In 2014 she was awarded the title of Doctor of Sciences in linguistics by the aforementioned Institute, for the dissertation *Hydronyms of the Vistula River Basin. Appellative-derived Potamonyms*. She obtained her PhD in linguistics at the same Institute in 1994, with a dissertation on *Place Names of the Southern Part of the Former Mazovian Voivodship*. In 1986 she completed an MA in linguistics at the Institute of Slavic Philology, Jagiellonian University, with a thesis on *Bulgarian Adjectives with the -bn- Suffix in Comparison with Old Church Slavonic Resources*.

Urszula Bijak's research interests include Polish and Slavic onomastics, historical and contemporary processes of formation of geographical names, onomastic lexicography, etymology, and the standardization of geographical names.

The main area of her scientific activities is onomastic lexicography. She participated in the publication of two big national dictionaries, *Nazwy miejscowe Polski* [Place names of Poland] and *Elektroniczny słownik hydronimów Polski* [Electronic dictionary of the hydronyms of Poland], as author and also as co-editor of the former.

Professor Bijak is member of the Commission on Names of Settlements and Physiographic Objects (chairman), Commission for Slavic Onomastics of the International Committee of Slavists, Onomastic Commission of Poland, Commission for Spelling and Onomastics at the Council of the Polish Language. She is also an assistant editor of the journal *Onomastica*.

Her books and articles stem from the many years of lexicographical work and expert activities. They are associated with various classes of onyms and were prepared with the use of the full historical and contemporary onymic materials on the given topics. As a co-author Urszula Bijak published 13 volumes of the dictionary on *Nazwy miejscowe Polski* [Place names of Poland], 5 books including: *Nazwy miejscowe południowej części dawnego województwa mazowieckiego* [Place names of the southern part of the former Mazovian voivodship], *Nazwy miejscowe powiatu grójeckiego. Słownik historyczno-etymologiczny* [Place names of Grójecki County. Historical and etymological dictionary], *Nazwiska mieszkańców powiatu grójeckiego. Pochodzenie. Frekwencja. Geografia* ([Last names of the citizens of Grójecki County. Origins. Turnout. Geography], co-author Paweł Swoboda), *Mały słownik nazw polskich miast, państw Europy, ich stolic i mieszkańców* ([Small dictionary of the names of Polish cities, European countries, their capitals and citizens], co-authors Barbara Czopek-Kopciuch and Aleksandra

Cieślíkowa), *Nazwy wodne dorzecza Wisły. Potamonimy odapelatywne* [Hydronyms of the Vistula river basin. Appellative-derived potamonyms). She has written over a dozen articles (concerning oikonyms, hydronyms, speleonyms, also anthroponyms and chrematonyms), reviews and reports.

Adrian Koopman is Emeritus Professor of the University of KwaZulu-Natal (previously University of Natal). He retired at the end of 2012 after 37 years of teaching Zulu linguistics and literature on the Pietermaritzburg campus of this university. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by this university in 1995 for a thesis on Zulu language change.

His research interests have always been in onomastics, particularly as relating to Zulu names and naming. He has published 62 articles in peer-reviewed academic journals or chapters in books, and of these two-thirds (41) have been on onomastics. (He has another ten articles in press or in the review process).

He is also the author of the 2002 book *Zulu Names* and the 2015 book *Zulu Plant Names*, and is currently completing a book on Zulu bird names and bird lore.

He is the immediate past editor of *Nomina Africana*, the journal of the Names Society of Southern Africa, and has served as such for fifteen years. He is still a member of the editorial board of this journal, as well of the editorial boards of *Rivista Italiana di Onomastica* (RION), *Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique* (NRO), *Acta Onomastica*, and *Onoma*.

He was the guest editor of *Onoma* 44 (2009), an issue devoted to African onomastics.

Professor Koopman is a founder member of the Names Society of Southern Africa (NSSA) (since 1980), was Vice-President of the NSA from 1998 to 2006, and President from 2006 to 2014.

He served as Editorial Secretary of their journal *Nomina Africana* for many years before becoming Editor in 2002. In 2016, he was elected Honorary Life Member of the society in recognition of his service.

He has been a member of the International Council of Onomastic Scientists (ICOS) since 1998, and was a member of the Executive Board of ICOS 2005–2008, and a Vice-President of ICOS from 2008–2011.

Professor Koopman has been a member of the Terminology Working Group of ICOS since 2005, and a member of the Editorial Board of the ICOS journal *Onoma* since 2005.

He has been a member of the American Names Society (ANS) since 2007.

3. SECRETARY

Alina Bugheșiu is Lecturer at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, North University Centre of Baia Mare, Romania. She obtained her PhD in onomastics at the West University of Timișoara in 2013, with a thesis on *Trade Names in Contemporary Romanian Public Space* (published in 2015 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing). She has co-edited (together with Oliviu Felecan) the multi-author volume *Onomastics in Contemporary Public Space*

(Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013) and she has published articles and research papers in academic journals, ISI-ranked conference proceedings, and collective volumes. In addition to trade names, her research interests include virtual names, names in literature, the use of names in taboo discourse and humour, referential semantics, semiotics, philosophy of language, discourse analysis, sociolinguistics, and psycholinguistics. She is a member of ICOS and a Secretary of this organisation (2015–2017).

4. TREASURER

Emilia Aldrin is D. Phil. in Scandinavian Languages and Senior Lecturer in Swedish language at Halmstad University, School of Education, Humanities and Social sciences, Sweden. In addition to being a member of ICOS, she is also a Swedish representative in NORNA (The Nordic cooperative committee for onomastic research).

Her research interests lie in the areas of socio-onomastics and applied onomastics, more specifically centering around the notion of *identity*. Emilia Aldrin's studies use combinations of qualitative and quantitative methods to explore how humans use onomastic resources to create, negotiate, perceive, and act on different kinds of identities (at micro-, meso- and macrolevel). Her doctoral thesis (2011) focused on contemporary Swedish parents' choice of first names from a socio-economic perspective. Further studies have explored gender patterns in traditional Swedish first names (Aldrin, 2014) as well as invented first names (Aldrin, 2015). Consequences of perceptions of onomastic identity were studied in an investigation of name-based effects on teachers' text assessments (Aldrin, 2017). Forthcoming publications in press focus on folk onomastic conceptualizations of name and identity in a lifelong perspective, and on teenagers' negotiation of identity through onomastic forms of address in everyday digital interaction.

5. ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND WEB OFFICER

Born in Russia, **Evgeny Shokhenmayer** first studied French/English Didactics and Language-based Cultural Studies at the Pedagogical University of Orenburg, graduating with first class honours in 2002. At the age of 22, Evgeny became Teaching Assistant for French/Latin. He then continued with a doctoral research on Textual Onomastics at Paris X University, funded by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of France, which he completed in 2009. Evgeny was qualified "Maître de conférences" by French CNU (Section 7: General Linguistics) in 2010. In 2012, he worked as Visited Assistant Professor at Zhejiang University due to Foreign Expert programme of importing overseas talents into China.

His principal research interests concern name-based text analysis, semantics of proprial units, space-based name analysis (surname mapping), social network onomastics and applied onomastics. Evgeny's PhD examined the associative fields of proper nouns and mechanisms of textual comprehension developed upon them (*Champs associatifs des noms propres et mécanismes de la compréhension textuelle*, 2009). He used his thesis as the basis for a book, *Analyse textuelle des noms propres et des unités propres modifiées* (Südwestdeutscher Verlag für Hochschulschriften GmbH & Co., 2011), and several articles (i.a. "Les connotations du nom propre sous l'aspect diachronique, ou si Nicolas Chauvin était

Chauviniste", *Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique*, 2012). He has also carried out work in the emerging field of applied onomastics, focusing on the geonomastic frequency distribution ("Geography of daily life names, or what's geonomastics", *Actes del XXIV ICOS*, 2013) and on onomastic data mining ("Onomastics to measure cultural bias in medical research" *Proceedings of ICOS XXV*, 2016). Evgeny provided linguistic expertise for NamSor Applied Onomastics software as well.

Since 2012, Dr. Evgeny Shokhenmayer Evgeny has been operating the e-Onomastics blog on a regular basis (<http://e-onomastics.blogspot.com/>), aiming to increase public and scholarly awareness of onomastics. In addition to that, he is a member of the editorial board of *Metocarto-semiotics* and deputy editor of *Onoma*. Since 2013, he has been working as Teacher of Foreign Languages at the FES High School of Lahr in Germany.

6. POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE (NON-EXECUTIVE)

Lasse Hämäläinen is a postgraduate student at the University of Helsinki. His forthcoming PhD thesis examines names in online environment, including website user names and level names in video games. In addition to onomastics, his main academic interests are game studies and computer-mediated communication.

His selected publications include

- Hämäläinen, Lasse. 2017. "Vendor Names on Darknet Drug Markets." Available at <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/317585764>
- Hämäläinen, Lasse. 2014. "Anthroponomastics Goes Internet: User Name as a Marker of Virtual Identity". Available at <http://onomastics.co.uk/anthroponomastics-goes-internet/>
- Hämäläinen, Lasse. 2013. "User Names in the Online Gaming Community Playforia". Available at <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/304000601>

7. NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Alice Crook has been the Postgraduate Representative on the ICOS Board since 2014, and now seeks to become a non-executive Board member. In June 2017, she graduated with a PhD from the University of Glasgow, which she completed under the supervision of Prof. Carole Hough and Dr. Simon Taylor, and is currently an affiliate of that university. Since April 2016, Alice Crook has been serving on the committee of the Society for Name Studies in Britain and Ireland, and is the reviews editor (since March 2017) and one of the bibliography's compilers (since April 2015) for the Society's journal *Nomina*. Currently, she is also assisting with the preparation of the second edition of the *Dictionary of American Family Names*.

Although Alice Crook is interested in many areas of onomastics (for example, she has been a member of the Scottish Place-Name Society since 2012, and is a co-founder of <http://onomastics.co.uk/>), she is particularly interested in personal naming during the early modern period. Her PhD thesis was entitled "Personal naming practices in early modern Scotland: a comparative study of eleven parishes, 1680-1839"; after the collection and analysis of over 63,000 baptismal records, she presented and explored the stocks of first and middle names, investigated the rates of particular types of name-sharing (e.g. children

sharing first names with parents, children sharing a name with the local cleric), and discussed potential reasons for geographical differences. Alice Crook is presently preparing sections of her thesis for publication, and continuing her research into middle naming and into naming children for local figures of importance.

Alice Crook's publications include "Naming patterns in the 16th/17th century: Castle Camps, Cambridgeshire" (*Nomina* 34 (2011), pp.121-132) and "Personal names in 18th-century Scotland: a case study of the parish of Beith (North Ayrshire)" (*Journal of Scottish Name Studies* 6 (2012), pp.1-10). She has given conference papers on topics including influences on personal naming in early modern Scotland, the usage of middle names in early modern Scotland, and methodological issues in the consultation of the Scottish Old Parish Registers.

Artur Gałkowski, Ph.D., D. Litt. is associate professor at the University of Łódź, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Philology for Research, Projects and International Cooperation and Relations with Professional Public as well as the Head of the Department of Italian Studies.

His research interests revolve around onomastic issues in the international context. He is an expert in the area of chrematonomastics. He is also interested in text linguistics, translation studies, and specialized terminologies.

He is the author of nearly a hundred scientific publications, including three monographs, and the editor or co-editor of six volumes. His postdoctoral book concerns the analysis of proper names in contemporary culture (*Chrematonimy w funkcji kulturowo-użytkowej. Onomastyczne studium porównawcze na materiale polskim, włoskim, francuskim* [Chrematonyms with Cultural and Usual Functions. An Onomastic Comparative Study on Polish, Italian and French Material], Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź, 2011, ed. II).

Among other things he is the President of the Commission of Slavic Onomastics c/o the International Committee of Slavists and a regular member of the Onomastic Section of the Linguistic Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

For further information about Artur Gałkowski, please see

<http://italianistyka.uni.lodz.pl/zaklad/zespol/prof-dr-hab-artur-galkowski/bio>

Prof **Nobuhle Hlongwa** is the Acting Dean and Head of the School of Arts. She has 19 years' experience in academia. She joined the University of Durban Westville in 1998 as a Lecturer. Both her MA and PhD studies were in Onomastics. She is the former Dean of Teaching and Learning in the College of Humanities (2012-2017). She provided strategic leadership on issues of teaching and learning in the College of Humanities. She was the Acting Dean and Head of the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics for six months in 2016. She is the former Acting Deputy Dean of the Undergraduate Studies in the faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences (2010-2011). She is the former Head of the School of isiZulu Studies (2005-2007).

She is a representative of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in the Community of Practice for the teaching and learning of African Languages (CoPAL), which forms a part of the devolved governance structure of Universities of South Africa (USAF). She is rated by the

National Research Foundation (NRF) as a C2 rated scientist for five years (2017-2021). She has more than 30 publications including research articles, books, book chapters and conference proceedings. She is the author of a scholarly book entitled *Ukukhulwa Kolimi* translated as “Language planning”. She is one of the guest editors of three special issues of *Alternation Journal*. Vol.17: 1 (2010), *Multilingualism for access, language development and language intellectualisation*; 13 (2014), *African Languages in South Africa’s Dispensation of Freedom and Democracy*; 18 (2016), *African Indigenous Knowledge Systems (AIKS) in Mental Health, African Literature, and Education*.

She is the member of the Board of Directors of the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS). In 2011 she was a member of the team that was tasked by the Office of the Premier in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to conduct research on the genealogy of African families. She was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on the development of African Languages in Higher Education. She was appointed by Pan South African Languages Board as a Commissioner for Linguistic Human Rights Tribunal. She successfully coordinated the SANTED Multilingualism project, a collaborative project between UKZN and Durban University of Technology with an aim of promoting access, retention and successful professional training. The project was generously funded by the Norwegian Agency and the Department of Higher Education and Training. She has successfully supervised to completion a number of Honours, MA and PhD students in the area of Onomastics. She is an external examiner for MA and PHD theses for Stellenbosch, University of Cape Town, University of South Africa, University of Zululand, Rhodes University and Durban University of Technology. She has examined more than 30 MA dissertations and PhD theses. She is a member of the advisory board for the *South African Journal of African Languages* (SAJAL), *Alternation*, and *Nomina Africana*. She has been the editorial secretary of *Nomina Africana* journal. She is the reviewer for the National Research Foundation (NRF) and the reviewer for the following journals: *Nomina Africana*, *Alternation*, *Language Matters*, and the *South African Journal of African Languages*.

Alexandra Petrulevich is an early career researcher employed by Uppsala University, Sweden. She defended her [PhD thesis](#) in May 2016 on place-names in historical language contact and place-name adaptation as a process exploring theoretical as well as empirical aspects of contact onomastics. Together with Jonathan Adams, Agnieszka Backman and Simon Skovgaard Boeck, Alexandra has been involved since March 2017 in the infrastructure project *The Norse perception of the world: A mapping and analysis of foreign place names in medieval Swedish and Danish texts* (2017-2020). Alexandra has developed a theoretical framework that will underpin the data processing in the project for the study of place names in medieval texts and post-medieval copies from a philological perspective. Within her teaching career she has taught onomastics and language history at bachelor level at Uppsala University and Stockholm University, Sweden, and is currently supervising an MA thesis in onomastics and giving a course in place-name research at MA level at Stockholm University. Alexandra’s main research interests include contact onomastics (especially place-name replication and adaptation), toponymic analogy in place-name re-shaping, philological aspects of the transmission of names, historical linguistics, digital humanities, and spatial analysis involving GIS (Geographic Information System). Alexandra is a coordinator of the

GIS for the Language Study network project (2017–2019) at the Faculty of Languages, Uppsala University, Sweden. She has given 11 talks at a variety of international conferences and workshops in name studies and Scandinavian studies in Scandinavia, the US, the UK, Spain, Poland, and Russia, and five invited lectures at institutions in Sweden (Stockholm University, University of Gothenburg, Upplandsmuseet), Denmark (University of Copenhagen), and Poland (Jagiellonian University). Alexandra is a board member of the Place-name Society of Uppsala and Icelandic Society (Uppsala). For her doctoral dissertation Alexandra was awarded a prize by The Royal Gustavus Adolphus Academy for Swedish Folk Culture.

Her selected publications include her dissertation (*Ortnamnsanpassning som process. En undersökning av vendiska ortnamn och ortnamnsvarianter i Knýtlinga saga* [Place-name adaptation as a process. An investigation of Wendish place-names and place-name variants in Knýtlinga saga], Uppsala: Institutionen för nordiska språk, Uppsala universitet, 2016), along with articles and books chapters of which one can mention:

- "Utländskt", "inhemskt" och ortnamnsanpassning. Finns det universella anpassningsprinciper? [The "foreign", the "domestic" and place-name adaptation. Are there any universal adaptation principles?], 2017. [submitted]
- "Place-name loan and place-name adaptation: two sides of the same coin?: Some terminological considerations from an ongoing thesis project". In: *Els noms en la vida quotidiana. Actes del XXIV Congrés Internacional d'ICOS sobre Ciències Onomàstiques. Names in daily life. Proceedings of the XXIV ICOS International Congress of Onomastic Sciences*, ed. J. Tort i Donada and M. Montagut i Montagut. Biblioteca Tècnica de Política Lingüística, 11. [Barcelona]: Generalitat de Catalunya, Departament de Cultura, 2014. 74–80.
- "Burstaborg och Steinborg i Knýtlinga saga: bevis på språkkontakt i kustområdet?". [Burstaborg and Steinborg in Knýtlinga saga: two pieces of evidence on the language contact in a coastal area?]. In: *Nøvn í strandamentanini. Navne i kystkulturen*, ed. T. K. Jakobsen, K. Magnussen and A. Johansen. Uppsala: NORNA-förlaget, 2013. 168–194.
- together with Ewa Rzetelska-Feleszko. "Etymologia słowiańskich nazw miejscowych i terenowych z obszaru wolińsko-kamieńskiego" [The etymology of the Slavic settlement names and field names in the area of Wolin and Kamień Pomorski]. In: *Wolin wczesnośredniowieczny*, ed. B. Stanisławski and W. Filipowiak. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Trio, 2013. 320–325.
- "On the etymology of at Jómi, Jumne and Jómsborg". *Namn och bygd*, 97 (2009), 65–97.

Valéria Tóth (born in 1971) is a professor at the Department of Hungarian Linguistics, University of Debrecen, Hungary. She is a member of the Research Group on Hungarian Language History and Toponomastics founded in 2013.

She is the author of five monographs (*Névrendszertani vizsgálatok a korai ómagyar korból* [Onomatosystematical Analyses in the Early Old Hungarian Period], Debrecen, 2001; *Az Árpád-kori Abaúj és Bars vármegye helyneveinek történeti-etimológiai szótára* [Historical-Etymological Dictionary of the Toponyms of the Abaúj and Bars Counties in the Age of the Árpád Dynasty], Debrecen, 2001; *Településnevek változástipológiája* [Typology of Change in Settlement Names], Debrecen, 2008; *Személynévadás és személynévhasználat az ómagyar korban* [Personal Name-Giving and Personal Name-Usage in the Old Hungarian Period], Debrecen,

2016; *Személynévi helynévadás az ómagyar korban* [Settlement Name-Giving Based on Personal Names in the Old Hungarian Period], Debrecen, 2017), co-author of a monograph (*History of Hungarian Toponyms*, Debrecen–Hamburg, 2017), and a member of the team compiling the dictionaries of old Hungarian toponyms (*Helynévtörténeti adatok a korai ómagyar korból 1–4* [Data from the History of Toponyms from the Early Hungarian Period], Debrecen, 1997–2017; *Korai magyar helynévszótár* [Dictionary of Early Hungarian Toponyms], Debrecen, 2005).

She is one of the editors of the international onomastic journal *Onomastica Uralica* and the national onomastic journal *Helynévtörténeti Tanulmányok* [Studies on Historical Toponomastics]. At present she concentrates mainly on the database project *Magyar Digitális Helynévtár* [Hungarian Digital Toponym Registry].

She is a member of ICOS, as well as of the ICOS Board and ICOS Bibliography Board.

She is the coordinator of the organizing committee of the 26th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (Debrecen, Hungary).