

Report on the 8th International Conference on SLA Research in China

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This conference, SLA research in China in the new era: inter-disciplines and multi-languages, was organized by China Association of Second Language Acquisition, hosted by Ocean University of China, Qingdao. It invited hundreds of passionate domestic and international researchers, teaching practitioners and graduate students sharing their insightful researches on second language acquisition. Started with opening ceremony and keynote speeches made by Prof. Anna Mauranen and Prof. Wen Qiufang, the fruitful conference provided me with two-day intensive plenary talks and invited symposiums, in which I found it quite beneficial to my recent research.

Except the world-renowned scholars, several researches on Chinese language learning impressed me a lot because they partly related with my recent research. From L2 communication strategies perspective, Prof. Mei Yang and Hong Xie investigated a fined-grained analysis of four conversation extracts between a native speaker of Chinese and a Russian-speaking Chinese as Second Language (CSL) learner and reported on several findings about interlocutors' competence of language learning and communication. Hong Wei from Sun Yat-sen University reported on an effect comparison between traditional paragraph dictation and scaffolding dictation practice on CSL learners and promoted some specific advantages of the scaffolding dictation.

I was invited to make a 5-minute paper presentation in Postgraduate Forums, which only allowed me to demonstrate the main layout of my research. Even though I barely had 5 rush minutes, I still received several beneficial suggestions and comments on my research implications: I need to consider incorporating the interactive interview into my post-research discussion part.

Besides, during this conference, I met some young scholars from other top universities and also my former teacher from Sichuan University. I was so delighted to meet her again in this professional conference.

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