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**ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MODERN AND
CONTEMPORARY FRANCE**

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To Executive Committee, ASMCF Membership
From Chris Tinker, Honorary Secretary
Agendum 4.1 (Executive Committee), 4.1(AGM)
For Report/Discussion
Subject Report of the Honorary Secretary

In this as in other years, the Executive Committee of the Association has worked in pursuit of the Association's Aims and Objectives, progressing issues raised at the AGM and subsequently, and representing the views of members through engagement with relevant external bodies. The Executive met four times in the last year - November 2014, March and May 2015, and September, before the AGM - with urgent business at other times dispatched through e-mail and telephone conversations.

As well as these activities, the Association liaises with AUPHF, UCML and other professional bodies/subject associations to ensure that the broad range of interests in French and Area Studies is given a suitable profile with government and funding bodies. We also engage with individual institutions' where appropriate or necessary.

We have continued to strengthen our links with Cultural Service and Dr Catherine Robert, Attachée de coopération universitaire in the French Cultural Service, and look forward to further cooperation with IFRU and the Embassy in the coming year and beyond. Our London meeting in May was hosted by IFRU, and we are grateful to Catherine and to her assistant Francine Peyroux for facilitating this.

Another successful Joint Study Day with SSFH on the theme of *Patrimoine*, well organised by Clare Siviter and her team, was scheduled alongside the March Exec at Queen Mary University of London, enabling different generations of the Association's membership, old and new, to exchange views and share expertise in a convivial atmosphere.

I would again like to take this opportunity to thank the President, Officers and members of the Executive for their support, and in ensuring that a wide range of views expressed in meetings continues to cohere around consensual approaches which take the Association forward.