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2008 Conference Organisers: Jill Lovecy and Barbara Lebrun

2009 Conference Organiser: Emmanuel Godin

UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 7TH MARCH 2009

Through the Chair the Committee extended a warm welcome to the Cultural Attaché for Higher Education, Philippe Lane, formerly the Vice-President for International Affairs in the Université de Rouen where he is Professor of Socio-Linguistics. He expressed a keen interest in encouraging associations such as our own but reminded the meeting of the financial constraints under which the French Institute operates. He has accepted the invitation to chair a session at the Portsmouth Conference. His presence at our meeting and interest in our organisation comes at a time when we have a number of good developments to report:

The President congratulated the organisers of the 2007 Manchester conference for their financial success as they had succeeded in earning a significant sum of money for the Association, something that had not occurred for at least six years.

Furthermore the 2009 conference call for papers had resulted in a record number of papers submitted to contribute to what promises to be a very full programme. The President congratulated the organisers on their financial acumen.

The postgraduates are organising a day event on 21 March with the support of the Committee.

The Chair thanked the Membership Secretary for her dedication to the interest of the Association's present and future membership. She also reminded the Committee that the experiment of reducing the number of Executive Committee meetings was taking place for the first time this year and that preparatory work for September meetings such as calls for nominations for committee membership and reports to the AGM should be organised well in advance. This information will be provided via the Newsletter, the website and the Members' email list.

Modern and Contemporary France

The next meeting of the Editorial Board will take place in November 2009.

Vacancies on the Editorial Board are advertised every Autumn. Please look out for announcements if you are interested joining the Board.

As ever, the Editors of MCF are on the lookout for high quality submissions for forthcoming issues of the journal. We encourage members of the Association to think of the journal as a potential outlet for their work. We are also keen to hear from colleagues who are willing to review books. To propose a book review or review article, please contact Vivienne Orchard (V.Orchard@soton.ac.uk). Enquiries about submitting an article should be directed to Jackie Clarke (J.R.Clarke@soton.ac.uk).

Jackie

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2009

‘France and the Mediterranean: representations, policy, transnationalism’

Thursday 3rd September – Saturday 5th September 2009

University of Portsmouth

This three-day conference will seek to reassess, explore and compare the multiple dimensions linking and/ or opposing modern and contemporary France with its Mediterranean neighbours both today and in the past. Amongst the themes to be considered will be:

- The growing salience of post-colonial issues both in France and in North Africa
- the reception of literary work on each side of the Mediterranean
- the renewed interest in the problematic Latin identity of France in a European and global context
- the cultural heritage of France in and from the Mediterranean

For further details: see www.asmcf.org or contact Dr Emmanuel Godin: Emmanuel.Godin@port.ac.uk

Or Natalya Vince at: Natalya.Vince@port.ac.uk

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

It has been confirmed that the 2010 annual ASMCF Conference will take place at Nottingham Trent University. The theme will be:

La France et la crise: ruptures et bilans

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2011 and 2012

The Executive committee welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2011 and 2012.

For information on how to submit a proposal please consult the:

Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

or:

Conference Officer: chris.reynolds@ntu.ac.uk

FRENCH MEDIA RESEARCH GROUP FMRG 19 one-day conference 1st May 2009

Media and Music

For full details and conference programme consult the website at:

<http://research.ncl.ac.uk/fmrg/>

or contact Dr Hugh Dauncey (h.d.dauncey@ncl.ac.uk) or Dr Chris Tinker (c.g.tinker@hw.ac.uk)

Women in French One-Day Conference Saturday 9 May 2009

Women at play / Les femmes s'amusent Aston University, Birmingham, UK

This is a reminder that the April 1 registration deadline for the Women in French conference, 'Women at play / Les femmes s'amusent', to be held at Aston University, Birmingham, 9 May 2009 is rapidly approaching. The keynote lecture: 'Queens of comedy? Variations sur le comique feminine dans le cinema francais populaire' will be given by Brigitte Rollet from the University of London Institute in Paris.

The deadline for registration is 1 April 2009. The registration form for the conference can be downloaded from the Aston University website at the following address:

<http://www1.aston.ac.uk/lss/whatsnew/>

Information about how to get to Aston University can be found at: <http://www.aston.ac.uk/prospective-students/directions/> The full programme is available on Francofil. Further information from: **Dr. Kathryn Jones** and **Dr. Nathalie Morello**, at k.n.jones@swan.ac.uk and n.morello@swan.ac.uk

News from ASMCF North West:

Wednesday 3 June 2009, 2pm at Chester University

Kate Marsh (Liverpool University), Brenda Garvey (Chester University) and third speaker to be announced

Francophone Futures: Writing the 21st Century

Venue: Department of Languages. For further details, please contact Brenda Garvey: b.garvey@chester.ac.

IGRS CONFERENCE 11-12 JUNE 2009

Femmes engagées : Les intellectuelles en France de 1986 à nos jours

11-12 juin 2009, IGRS (Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies), Londres

Avec la participation de

- ❖ Maire Cross (Newcastle University)
- ❖ Maggie Allison (Bradford University)

Et une table ronde avec la participation de l'écrivaine **Joy Sorman**, auteure de *Boys boys boys*, *Du Bruit*, et co-auteure de *14 Femmes pour un féminisme pragmatique*.

❖ Organisatrices :

Elise Hugueny-Léger, St Andrews University (esmh@st-andrews.ac.uk)
Imogen Long, Leeds University (i.j.t.long00@leeds.ac.uk)

The full programme is available at:

<http://igrs.sas.ac.uk/events/conferences-workshops/femmes-engagees-women-intellectuals-in-france-1986-to-present.html>

ASMCF INITIATIVE FUND

The Association's Initiative Fund provides small grants to individuals or institutions to help defray the cost of day schools, seminars etc., and support for postgraduate initiatives and travel (in addition to specific funding for postgraduate attendance at conferences/day schools).

The Association is particularly keen to encourage and support regionally based collaborative initiatives on the part of its members.

The relevant form can be downloaded from the website (rubric 'Funding').

Please send applications to: Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

For consideration at the forthcoming Executive Committee meetings, **please submit bids in good time**, preferably not too close to the event in question. The forthcoming deadline is:

- **28th August 2009**
- **There will be further deadlines in the Autumn of 2009 and Spring of 2010.**

Applications should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation such as Successful applicants will receive funding FOLLOWING the event and AFTER SUBMISSION of a report to the Honorary Secretary. Details of these grants will then be posted on the website and reported in the Newsletter.

Recent successful bids:

- FMRG: £350 for FMRG 18 *Media and Music*, organised by Hugh Dauncey and Chris Tinker (Newcastle: 1 May 2009)
- WIF: £200 for *Women at Play*, organised by Kathryn Jones, Nathalie Morello, Angela Kershaw and Pam Moores (Aston 9 May 2009)
- 'IGRS': £350 for *Femmes Engagées, Women Intellectuals*, organised by Elise Hugueny -Léger and Imogen Long (IGRS, London, 11-12 June 2009)

PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION
Please bring these to the attention of those eligible
All three prizes are now set at £250

Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize

The Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize was established in memory of Brian Darling, the first Honorary Secretary of the Association.

The prize, **to the value of £250** is awarded for an undergraduate essay or dissertation which may treat a theme relevant to the Association's concerns, in aspects of Modern French history, politics, society and culture, as well as the relationships between France and other countries, including those in the French-speaking world. The work may be written in either French or English and should not normally exceed ten thousand words.

Essays or dissertations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from a members of the Association at a UK or other university. Submissions should be made by **1 July of the year in question** to the Honorary Secretary of the Association:

Dr Steve Wharton, Department of European Studies and Modern Languages, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.

A three-person sub-committee of the Executive will be invited by the Secretary to consider the submissions and determine the award of the prize. Prize winners will be notified directly and their names announced both on the website and at the Association's Annual general Meeting.

Further enquiries may be made from the Secretary at:

S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

Peter Morris Memorial Postgraduate Prize

In memory of the late Professor Peter Morris, **an award of £250** will be made to a postgraduate student to contribute towards travel costs incurred on a short research visit to France.

The terms and conditions of the Prize are as follows:

- Postgraduates applying for the award should send in an outline of their research project and the aims of their research visit to the Association's Hon. Secretary, Steve Wharton at: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**. **This should be done by 15 May 2009.** The Executive Committee will then allocate the award and make known their decision by the end of June. Applications should be submitted in advance of the visit, which may take place at any time in the twelve months following 15 May of any year. A subcommittee convened to adjudicate the prize will

look for evidence that the visit has been well planned and that the student has attempted to maximize the benefits to be drawn from the time spent in France.

- Each student shall be required to provide a letter of support from his or her supervisor. Bids to other funding bodies, either pending or known, should be disclosed. The person to whom the prize has been awarded should provide a brief report on the visit, including details of expenses, no later three months after return to the UK



THE DOUGLAS JOHNSON MEMORIAL PRIZE

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Essays or dissertations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from a member of the Association at a UK or other university. Submissions should be made by **1 July of the year in question** to the Honorary Secretary of the Association:

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ASMCF WEBSITE

Changes are regularly incorporated into the website, but ideas are always welcome to enable it to be as efficient and welcoming as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Soo with your suggestions and materials.

Visit: www.asmcf.org

Contact the website officer, Scott Soo at: S.Soo@soton.ac.uk

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AGM MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting and the next Annual General Meeting will be held at the University of Portsmouth during the Annual ASMCF Conference (3-5 September 2009).

Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk by FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2009.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Membership Survey

As you may know, Taylor and Francis are conducting a membership survey to enable them and the Association to better monitor members' views, interests and needs. If you have not yet completed it, we should greatly appreciate your taking just the few minutes necessary to complete this online. It is also posted on the ASMCF website. Many thanks!

Dear Member,

The ASMCF and Taylor & Francis are pleased to send you the details for a 2009 membership survey.

This survey has been created to allow you to feedback and comment on your values and ideas. Understanding the thoughts and opinions of our members is invaluable to us and we appreciate your spending a few moments of your time to provide us with your views on the society, journal and website. Your feedback will enable us to further address the needs of our members.

The survey takes only a few minutes to complete and is completely anonymous. Most of the questions can be answered with a one click selection but there is also the opportunity throughout the survey for you to provide us with any comments you may have.

Click "Next" to get started with the survey. If you'd like to leave the survey at any time, just click "Exit this survey". Your answers will be saved and you will be able to continue where you left off at a later time if you wish.

The survey can be found here:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=lemIIZVKXAZt1QdyaAQnqQ_3d_3d

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Membership fees

The full membership fee is: **£44 / \$79**.

The Postgraduate, Unwaged and Retired fees remain at **£10/ \$18**.

Please see the website for full details at: **www.asmcf.org**

**PLEASE also forward any changes to your email and other contact details to:
Maggie Allison : ASMCF Membership Secretary.**

**M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk
Thank you in advance.**

