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**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO,
KINDLY FORWARD YOUR EMAIL TO:**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Hon Vice Presidents: David Hanley; Siân Reynolds
Executive Committee, 2010/11
(Term of office expires at the AGM of the year given)
President: Máire Cross, Newcastle 2014
Hon Secretary: Steve Wharton, Bath 2014
Treasurer: Jonathan Ervine, Bangor 2014
Membership Secretary: Fiona Barclay, Stirling 2014
Editorial Board Representative: Gill Allwood, Editor, M&CF, Nottingham Trent

Ordinary members

Helena Chadderton, 2012
Scott Soo (Web Officer), Southampton 2014
Jan Windebank, Sheffield, 2012

Co-opted members

Lyndsey Dodd (Reading) 2012
Christina Johnston (2011 Conference, University of Stirling) 2012

Message from the President

Professor Máire Cross, Head of French, Newcastle University

President's Message

The Stirling conference

We are indebted to Fiona Barclay and Cristina Johnston, the two organisers at Stirling for a wonderful conference. There was a real Scottish flavour appreciated by the many visitors from overseas. Congratulations from all of us.

ASMCF's outreach

We have endeavoured to ensure that our association's voice is heard when we respond to consultation documents from the British Academy and others (for the REF we successfully nominated Tony Chafer on the Area Studies sub-panel and Charles Forsdick on Modern Languages Panel). We have a presence on other subject groupings such as the UKSA and the UCML. Together with the AUPHF we lobbied Vice Chancellors against closures of language departments in Wales, Scotland, England and the USA. In October at the IGRS, London, Maggie Allison, on my behalf, attended a consultation with Subject Heads of learned Societies run by Naomi Segal.

Postgraduate activities; ASMCF links with other associations

The Postgraduate ASMCF Study Day (held on 19 March 2011 at Portsmouth), now an annual event, continues the excellent tradition of PG rep involvement over the year and at conferences. Current PG officer Joanna Warson has worked closely with a PG member of the Society for the Study of French History, Jack Rhoden, to organise a joint PG day in Sheffield in 2012. Links with SSFH were also consolidated when we jointly held the first Douglas Johnson Memorial Lecture in the IHR, London in the presence of his widow Madeleine Johnson and the French Ambassador on 24 November 2010, given by Julian Jackson on 'A Century of De Gaulle'. Richard Thompson (Edinburgh), author of *The Troubled Republic*, has been invited to give the next lecture (initiated by SSFH) on 18 January 2012, yet to be confirmed; details will be posted on our website. I look forward to working with their new president, Malcolm Crook (Keele).

In March 2011 I met with Loïc Guyon, the President of ADEFFI, *l'Association des Études françaises et francophones en Irlande*, who is also keen to build links with our association. In May 2011 I attended the annual meeting of SAES-CRECIB (Anglicistes), held this year in Paris. The president Claire Charlot (and the committee of CRECIB) is very keen to build links with us and would be happy to include advance notice of our activities in their publication, *Revue française de civilisation britannique*. Another contact is Renée DICKASON, Responsable de la Revue LISA/LISA e-journal, <http://lisa.revues.org/3975> Membre du comité de direction de la Revue française de civilisation britannique, renee.dickason@wanadoo.fr.

In May 2011 through my involvement with an AHRC-funded research project, *The French in London*, I learned of an initiative from the British Library relevant to our association's archive possibilities. (WAP Web Archiving Programme: <http://www.webarchive.org.uk> Contact is Alison Hill, Curator, The British Library).

The Journal

In August 2011 I signed a new publishing contract with Taylor and Francis and negotiated an enhanced financial support for costs in running our journal. I would like to thank the Taylor and Francis team, and Loren Di Claudio in particular, for their excellent level of service. On behalf of all our members I would also like to express appreciation to the *Modern and Contemporary France* editorial team in Southampton for their dedication to the work of producing a top quality journal.

ASMCF support of related activities

We have funded a number of one-off events in past year: WOMEN IN FRENCH (UK) CONFERENCE 6-8 May 2011 in Leeds, WOMEN MATTER/FEMMES MATIÈRE (also supported by the Service Culturel de l'Ambassade de France), the regional day of the ASMCF North-West group at Edge Hill University in February 2011 and the FMRG meetings; the next one will be on 8 October in Newcastle.

ASMCF and links with the French Embassy

As President I have maintained a strong link with the French Embassy and Institute and their directors and cultural attachés in London. I wish to pay tribute to those with whom I have worked, in particular, Professor Philippe Lane here present. He has an excellent grasp of the landscape of French in the UK and plays a proactive role in raising the profile of our members by facilitating many events in London for French Studies. My chapter on the history of our association is included in his recently published work, *French Studies In and For the Twenty-First Century* (Liverpool Academic Press, 2011, pp. 272–7). We are very thankful for the funding that we have received from the French Embassy.

The Committee and the future for ASMCF

I would like to extend my personal thanks the 2010-2011 committee members for their input. Without them the wheels of administration of the association would not turn. It is when things go wrong that you hear them squeal: the wheels I mean, not the members. Thanks go to Maggie Allison for her sterling committee work for the association over the past fourteen years.

We come to the end of another excellent year for the association which started with the memorable Nottingham 2010 conference. Although conferences are stimulating and the journal healthy we can take nothing for granted. We need to plan a staggered succession for the officer posts, more volunteers for the committee and especially future conference organisers for 2013, 2014 and beyond. I am happy to serve the association for another term and look forward to welcoming the new committee members and working with the new editorial team for the journal.

Professor Máire Cross, Head of French Newcastle University

JOURNAL MATTERS

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FRANCE

To echo the words of the President (above), the Association owes much to the outgoing editorial team, headed up by Jackie Clarke, for not only consolidating but also steering the Journal through new developments and innovations over the past six years. Many thanks indeed.

New Editorial Team

From September 2011 the new Editorial Team, from Nottingham Trent University, will be:

Gill Allwood: Executive Editor

Martin O'Shaughnessy: Co-Editor

Chris Reynolds: Book Reviews Editor

Forthcoming special issues

Figurations of work in Post-Fordist France

Crisis and Protest in Contemporary France

Franco-Maghrebi Sexualities

France and the Middle East

Issue in honour of Siân Reynolds

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2011, 2012 and 2013

**THE ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011 TOOK PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING,
1-3 SEPTEMBER 2011.**

THEME: CONTINUITIES AND DISCONTINUITIES

There were 101 attendees, including 32 postgraduate students. The conference included 75 papers plus 2 plenaries.

For further information, please contact the conference organisers: Fiona Barclay and Cristina Johnston
Fiona.B Barclay@stir.ac.uk Cristina.Johnston@stir.ac.uk

THE 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UNIVERSITY OF BATH:

THEME: *Valeurs Républicaines/Republican Values*

For further information, please contact the Conference Organiser, Steve Wharton at:
mlssw@bath.ac.uk

The first CFP is available at:

<http://people.bath.ac.uk/mlssw/CFPASMCFAnnualConference2012.pdf>

The Executive committee also welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2013 and 2014.

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

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

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

We thank Joanna Warson for her excellent proactive work as postgraduate representative 2010-2011 and wish her well for the future. She will be succeeded by Laura Kottos (University of Reading).

It was pleasing to see so many postgraduate students attending, giving papers and presenting posters at the Stirling conference.

The Postgraduate Poster Prize was awarded to Emily St Denny of the University of Stirling:

The next Postgraduate Study Day is expected to take place on 3 March 2012 at the University of Sheffield.

FOR INFORMATION ON PG MEMBERSHIP contact:

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ASMCF NORTH WEST

News from ASMCF North West



THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FRANCE (ASMCF) – NORTH-WEST

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 3pm

Language Lab 1.09, Binks Building,
University of Chester

All Welcome

To confirm your attendance
and for further details please contact:

Brenda Garvey
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FMRG

FRENCH MEDIA RESEARCH GROUP - FMRG20 - SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2011, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

The theme of the symposium will be 'Media, Sport and Identity in France and the Francophone World'.

The venue will be the Literary and Philosophical Society (otherwise known as the Lit & Phil) located a very convenient five minutes' walk from Newcastle Central Station and the Central Station Metro stop (see below for directions).

Papers and discussions will consider how media of all kinds have contributed to the construction of identities both of sportswomen and sportsmen themselves in France and the Francophone world, but also how media representations and discourses around sport and sporting icons have contributed to and been influenced by wider debates about (national) identity and ideas of community. We plan to produce a special number of a journal from the papers presented during the conference.

FMRG19 acknowledges the financial support of Bangor University and Newcastle University.

The Programme of events/speakers is:

09.30-10.00 Welcome and tea/coffee

10.00-10.35 Jonathan ERVINE (Bangor University) - 'Les Bleus et les banlieues: the Downplaying and Stigmatising of Suburban Soccer Stars'

10.35-11.10 Cathal KILCLINE (NUI Galway) - 'Media Representations of Toulon Rugby'

11.10-11.45 Phil DINE (NUI Galway) - 'From Southern Tradition to Parisian Cosmopolitanism: a century of French Rugby and the Media'

11.45-12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-12.45 Yvan GASTAUT (Université de Nice) - 'Champions français issus de l'immigration : héros médiatiques de l'intégration depuis les années 30'

12.45-13.10 John MARKS (University of Nottingham) - 'Representations of National Identity in the French Football Team post 1998'

13.10-14.10 Lunch

14.10-14.45 David MURPHY (University of Stirling) - 'Sport, Culture and the Media at the Festival mondial des arts nègres de Dakar (2010)'

14.45-15.20 Mahfoud AMARA (Loughborough University) - 'Football, Youth, Politics and Alternative Media in Algeria'

15.20-15.35 Tea Break

15.35-16.10 Ruadhán COOKE (NUI Galway) - '« L'anglais tel qu'on le court »: Antoine Blondin's "clichéd view of Englishness" in Chroniques de *L'Équipe* 1954-82'

16.10-16.35 Hugh DAUNCEY and Geoff HARE (Newcastle University) - The Press and 'internationalisation' of Sport, identity and issues around media/sport/sites of 'internationalism in the 1880s/1890s/1900s'

16.35-17.10 Patrick Mignon (INSEP, Paris) - to be confirmed

For more information, please contact all or any of the conference organisers Dr Hugh Dauncey (Newcastle; h.d.dauncey@ncl.ac.uk), Dr Jonathan Ervine (Bangor; j.ervine@bangor.ac.uk) and Dr Cathal Kilcline (Galway; cathalkilcline@gmail.com).

FMRG 2012

The following FMRG conference will take place in Nottingham University ON 13TH & 14TH September 2012 on the theme: **France's Electoral Year 2011-12.**

The CFP is attached to this email message.

For further details, please contact Sheila.Perry@nottingham.ac.uk or Paul.Smith@nottingham.ac.uk

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 ASMCF 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 deadlines are:**

Friday 11 November 2011; Friday 24 February 2012; Friday, 24 August 2012

Applications should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation such as a call for papers and, where possible, an outline programme. 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.

SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE FUND APPLICATIONS (Executive meeting, Stirling 1 September 2011)

- £ 300 for a joint submission on behalf of FMRG by Dr Cathal Kilcline (NUI Galway), Dr Hugh Dauncey (University of Newcastle) and Dr Jonathan Ervine (University of Bangor) for their conference: *Media, Sport and Identity on France and the Francophone World, 8 October 2011* (see above).
- £335 for a joint submission by Dr Rabah Assaoui (University of Leicester) and Dr Claire Eldridge (University of Southampton) in support of the conference: *Algeria revisited: Contested Identities in the Colonial and Postcolonial periods, 11-13 April 2012*.

PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

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 2011**. 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.

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PRIZES AWARDED AT THE 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 ECXECUTIVE MEETING AT STIRLING:

Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize: Charley Jarrett, University of Sussex, for essay entitled: *L'exception électorale française*

Peter Morris Memorial Postgraduate Prize: Marjorie Gerhardtts, Exeter University, in support of a visit to the archives at Val de Grace (and others) as part of the research for her PhD into Great War Soldiers with facial mutilation

Douglas Johnson Memorial Prize: Pierre le Goff, University of Warwick, for a work entitled 'May 1968, socio-economic modernization and the "new spirit" of capitalism.'

ASMCF WEBSITE

The website officer, Scott Soo is always happy to receive suggestions for the website.

The website now features a new section showcasing members' books published since 2009. If you would like your book to be included please could you contact Scott with an electronic image of the book cover, a link to the publisher's website, and a short synopsis (one paragraph) of the work.

Visit the website on: www.asmcf.org
s.soo@soton.ac.uk

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday 19 November 2011. Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted by FRIDAY 11 November 2011 to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at:

S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Full Membership Fees increased slightly as of January 2011

Full Membership (including MCF Journal):	£46/ US \$82/€71
Postgraduate, Unwaged and Retired (no Journal):	£10/ US \$19/€16

To see the full benefits of Membership, including access to the MCF Quarterly Periodicals Index, please access the **Members' Area** on the Association's website at:
www.asmcf.org

PLEASE forward any changes to your email and other contact details to the new

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