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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2012/2013

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President: Máire Cross (Newcastle)

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Editorial Board Representative: Gill Allwood / Martin O'Shaughnessy (Editors, M&CF; Nottingham Trent)

PG Representative: David Lees (Warwick)

Ordinary members

Helena Chadderton (Hull)

Aurélie Mondon (Bath)

Scott Soo (Web Officer) (Southampton)

Jan Windebank (Newsletter) (Sheffield)

Vacancy

Co-opted members

Nicole Fayard & Fransiska Louwagie, (Conference organisers 2013) (Leicester)

The Association seeks to encourage the active participation of members in the organisation and running of its business. Members wishing to serve on the committee from September 2013 may register their interest at any time through the academic year by contacting the Secretary, Steve Wharton (s.wharton@bath.ac.uk). Elections to the committee and officer posts take place at the AGM held during the conference.

COMMEMORATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN 2012: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

2012 has been an interesting year for ASM&CF. It has seen the commemorations of the careers of long-standing members, a one-day conference in June at the *Institut Français* for the pioneering research of Alex Hargreaves who served on the executive committee in addition to organising numerous seminars and publications in his role as lead researcher on immigration in contemporary France. Secondly the November issue of the journal was a special issue to mark the significant contribution to French history of Siân Reynolds, our former president and one of the founding members of our association. The same issue saw articles on the French presidential elections the significance of which feature highly in the teaching work of many of our members. Our journal reflects the rare combination of interdisciplinary work on France and continues to make an impact as such with membership throughout the world. The editorial team

welcomes article submissions and urges new members to sign up for book review contributions.

In November at our committee meeting we welcomed the organiser for the forthcoming annual conference in 2013 to take place in Leicester. In addition, as a result of fruitful conversations in between sessions at our 2012 conference on Republican Values held in the very pleasant campus of Bath, we are currently in the fortunate position of having a firm proposal for the 2014 conference from colleagues in Southampton. In addition we continue to welcome requests for funding from individuals and groups.

2012 is the year of communications as we have seen the instigation of Twitter and Facebook in order to spread the word instantly and informally about our activities. It is the year that the print issue of the journal went on-line, showing that we are well abreast of using new forms of communication.

Looking ahead to 2013, in addition to the Leicester annual conference our two sponsored groups *Women in French* and the *Northern French Media Research Group* are preparing their events, details of which are on our web site.

With the journal in a healthy state and the annual conferences well in hand for the near future it only remains for me to urge you to consider one or some of the many ways you could take part in our association beyond 2012: whether it is a brief tweet, submitting an article for our refereed journal, or a conference proposal, we rely on all our members to participate in our association's activities to strengthen its excellence and secure its usefulness for the future.

Season's greetings and best wishes from Máire Cross

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There are many benefits to membership of the ASMCF – please spread the word amongst colleagues and postgraduate students who may be interested in joining (or re-joining!):

- A quarterly journal *Modern and Contemporary France* containing research articles, items of topical interest, book reviews, a list of recent publications and an index of periodical articles.
- Access to the on-line version of the journal via the members' area of the Association's website (www.asmcf.org)
- Access to the MCF Quarterly Periodicals Index via the members' area of the Association's website (www.asmcf.org)
- Reduced rates for attendance at the annual ASMCF conference and other events.
- Eligibility for Association funding for approved activities, postgraduate prizes and awards.

Current membership fees:

Full Membership

(includes printed MCF Journal and access to on-line journal via members' area of website)

£46/ US\$82/ €71

Postgraduate Membership

(includes printed MCF Journal and access to on-line journal via members' area of website)

£10/ US\$19/ €16

Unwaged and Retired Membership
(includes printed MCF Journal and access to
on-line journal via members' area of website)

£23/ US\$41/ €35

Unwaged and Retired (no Journal):
(printed journal not included but access to
on-line journal via members' area of website)

£10/ US\$19/ €16

To renew your membership (or transfer to a different membership rate), visit
<http://www.asmcf.org/membership/> .

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FRANCE

Editorial Board Vacancies: call for applications

Applications are invited for membership of the Editorial Board of *Modern and Contemporary France*. We encourage applications from specialists in any of the areas covered by the journal. Members of the Board play an important role in the peer review process and advise on all aspects of the life the journal. The Board currently meets twice a year in London. We regret that the ASMCF is unable to meet the cost of travel to meetings from outside the UK and Ireland. Letters of application, accompanied by a brief CV (no more than 3-4 pages) should be sent to the Secretary of ASMCF, Steve Wharton, (s.wharton@bath.ac.uk) by **February 22nd 2013**. Informal enquiries should be addressed to the Executive Editors, Gill Allwood (gill.allwood@ntu.ac.uk) and Martin O'Shaughnessy (martin.oshaughnessy@ntu.ac.uk).

Recent special issues

- 'Gender, politics and the social in historical perspective: essays in honour of Sian Reynolds' – Volume 20 (4)
- Virtual special issue currently available: 'France and Algeria: fifty years on'.

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

- The ASMCF Annual conference 2013 will take place at the University of Leicester from 5-7th September on the theme: **RENEGOTIATING SOCIAL DIVISIONS IN FRANCE AND THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD**. Please see website for details.
- Advance notice: the ASMCF conference 2014 will be held at The University of Southampton.

- The Executive committee welcomes expressions of interest to host the Annual Conference in 2015. Please consult the Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

Joint ASMCF-SSFH Postgraduate Study Day: 'Impact'

Following the success of the first-ever joint ASMCF-SSFH postgraduate study day last year, we are pleased to be holding the second joint event at the University of Warwick on the 2nd March 2013. The study day will be based around the theme of 'Impact'; a highly relevant and contemporary concept in the build-up to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework. The event will explore the historical and cultural impact of France and the francophone world, while also addressing the practical implications of Impact for current postgraduates.

Postgraduates from any UK or Irish institution working in the broad field of French Studies are very welcome to submit paper proposals or to attend the study day. The organisers are currently inviting proposals for papers of 250 words, which should be sent via email to frenchpostgradstudyday2013@gmail.com

Papers may choose to explore, but are by no means limited to, the following areas:

- Making a historical, social, political or cultural impact on France and the francophone world
- 'Writing history': the impact of academic work on French history, French culture and French society
- 'Writing history': the impact of academic work in French history on Anglophone histories
- The impact of France on the wider world

Researching France and its impact

The event will include a number of professional development papers alongside the opportunity for postgraduates to present their research-in-progress. A range of speakers will share practical advice on conducting research on France, while the day will also involve a dedicated session on Impact for postgraduates. The Reviews Editor of the Association's journal, *Modern and Contemporary France*, Dr Chris Reynolds, will be giving a paper on writing book reviews, while the editor of the *French History* journal, Dr Penny Roberts, will also provide advice on publishing in an academic journal.

The organisers are also delighted to announce two guest speakers for the study day: Teresa Vernon, the curator of the French collection at the British Library will be speaking about making the most of the Library's collections, while Professor Tony Chafer (Portsmouth) will speak about Impact in practice, building on his policy work with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Further details about the event will be advertised in due course through email, the Association's Facebook and Twitter feeds and the website. The Association's social media platforms will be providing updates on the study day over the coming months, following the Twitter hashtag #pgstudyday. Should any members have enquiries about the event, please do not hesitate to contact the postgraduate representative, David Lees, at d.lees@warwick.ac.uk

FOR INFORMATION ON PG MEMBERSHIP please contact the membership secretary, Fiona Barclay at: fiona.barclay@stir.ac.uk

ASMCF INITIATIVE FUND

The Association's Initiative Fund provides small grants to individuals or institutions who are members of the Association to help defray the costs of day schools, seminars etc., and support for postgraduate activities and travel (in addition to specific funding for postgraduate conferences/day schools). The Association is particularly keen to encourage and support regionally based collaborative initiatives on the part of its members.

Please download and complete the Initiative Fund form and return it to: Steve Wharton, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.

Forthcoming deadlines for the initiative fund are:

- **February 22nd 2013**
- **May 10th 2013**

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.

Recent successful application:

- Women in French conference on the theme: 'Solitaires, solidaires', 10-12 May 2013, Hinsley Hall, Leeds.

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 2013**. 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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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:

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

ASMCF WEBSITE

The new website was launched during the 2009 annual conference at the University of Portsmouth as part of the Association's 30th anniversary celebration. As always, please contact **Scott Soo** (s.soo@southampton.ac.uk) with any suggestions for the website.

The Association is particularly keen to receive information about members' recent monographs for posting on the website.

Don't forget that as a member of the Association, you have access to the Members' area which offers:

- Free on-line access to the journal from the link in the members' area
- Access to the M&CF Quarterly Periodicals Index
- Access to the Association's Archive which includes information on:
 - Past funding and prizes
 - Past conferences and events
 - PG news archive
 - Newsletter archive to 2007
 - Vodcast and Podcast archive

Reminder: to access the members' area, your username is your email address and the password is your surname followed directly by your first initial in lower case, eg Jane Smith > password > smithj

In addition, you can now find the Association on **Twitter and Facebook** : see website for links.

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd March at the University of Warwick.

Items for the next Executive Committee agenda, any Initiative fund bids and applications for Editorial Board vacancies should be submitted by **February 22nd 2013** to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at:
S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

FRENCH MEDIA RESEARCH GROUP (FMRG)

Call for Papers

DAY-CONFERENCE FMRG22: 'Media, Memory and Nostalgia'

Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh. Friday 19 April 2013. 10.30 - 16.30.

10.15 Registration and Welcome

10.30 - 16.15 8-10 speakers (20-25 mins paper + 5-10 mins discussion)

16.30 Close of Conference

The theme of the conference is purposefully broadly defined. Papers - in English or in French - could cover aspects of topic/issues such as:

- memory and/or nostalgia in media/online representations in the French-speaking world
- specific forms/genres/formats - news, documentaries, sport, music, magazine programmes, entertainment/variétés, advertising...
- media/online archives; video-sharing websites (ina.fr, youtube etc); DVD/boxset releases of classic/cult programmes
- academic and journalist commentaries on the relationship between the mass media/internet and memory/nostalgia/other related concepts
- specific decades, periods, generations, movements, events, fashions
- the relationship between past, present and future
- individual and collective identities / forms of social cohesion
- death and mourning
- anniversaries - birth, death and career
- audience participation and interaction

or any other subject. Please feel free to suggest a topic. Postgraduate students are strongly encouraged to present papers.

A selection of papers will be considered for development into full-length articles for a proposed special themed issue of Modern and Contemporary France.

For more information or to propose a paper (abstract of around 300 words), please contact the Conference Organisers Dr Hugh DAUNCEY (Newcastle University) h.d.dauncey@ncl.ac.uk and Dr Chris TINKER (Heriot Watt University) c.g.tinker@hw.ac.uk

FMRG is an affiliated thematic branch of the Association for the Study of Modern & Contemporary France.

**PLEASE forward any changes to your email and other contact details to:
Fiona Barclay, Membership Secretary (fiona.barclay@stirl.ac.uk)**

