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1. How to Contact Us

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All enquiries welcome.

2. Homage to André Viola

We heard with dismay about the death of André Viola, a long-time member of EACLALS and a renowned specialist of South African literature which he was teaching at the University of Nice, France. The CRELA (Centre de Recherches sur les Ecritures de Langue anglaise), of which Professor Viola had been the Director for the last 9 years, would like to pay him a homage by dedicating to him a special issue of the journal *Cycnos* which will be given a specific focus on South African literature. Contributions welcome. For further details contact Michel Remy: scaperemy@aol.com

3. Recent Publications

The following publications have come to our attention:

Davis, Geoffrey V., & Anne Fuchs (ed), *Staging New Britain: Aspects of Black and South Asian British Theatre*. Dramaturgies 19. Brussels: Lang, 2006.

DeLoughrey, Elizabeth, Renee K. Gosson, & George B. Handley (ed), *Caribbean Literature and the Environment: Between Nature and Culture*. New World Studies. University of Virginia Press, 2005. ISBN: 0-8139-2372-7 (paper); 0-8139-2373-5 (cloth).

Eckstein, Lars, *Re-Membering the Black Atlantic: On the Poetics and Politics of Literary Memory*. Cross/Cultures 84. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2006.

Emenyonu, E. N. (ed), *New Directions in African Literature*. African Literature Today 25. Oxford: James Currey, 2006.

Goonetilleke, DCRA, *Sri Lankan English Literature and the Sri Lankan People 1917–2003*. Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2003.

Lothmann, Timo, *God I tok long Yumi long Tok Pisin. Eine Betrachtung der Bibelübersetzung in Tok Pisin vor dem Hintergrund der sprachlichen Identität eines Papua-Neuguinea zwischen Tradition und Moderne*. Frankfurt: Lang, 2006.

Oboe, Annalisa, *Approaching Sea Changes. Metamorphoses and Migrations across the Atlantic*. Padova: Unipress, 2005.

Scott, Jamie S., & Alwyn Austin (ed), *Canadian Missionaries, Indigenous Peoples: Representing Religion At Home and Abroad*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005.

Scott, Jamie S., & Gareth Griffiths (ed), *Mixed Messages: Materiality, Textuality, Missions*. New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2005.

Shackleton, Mark, & Veera Supinen (ed), *First and Other Nations*. Renvall Institute Publications 20. University of Helsinki, 2005.

Vanden Driesen, Cynthia, & Ralph Crane (ed), *Diaspora: The Australasian Experience*. New Delhi: Prestige Press, 2005.

Visser, Irene, & Heidi van den Heuvel-Disler (ed), *Family Fictions: The Family in Contemporary Postcolonial Literatures in English*. Groningen: Centre for Development Studies, 2004. ISSN: 1385-9218.

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The July–August issue of *Muse India*, a periodical which presents literatures of India in English transla-

tion for a global readership, has now been posted on the website www.museindia.com and can be viewed as the Current Issue. The Managing Editor, G.S.P. Rao, will welcome your feedback on the journal and would be happy to have you as a registered member.

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The next issue of *Correspondances océaniques*, a thematic half-yearly journal promoting Oceanic cultures and based in Noumea, New Caledonia, will be focusing on the theme of 'islands and insularity'. Transdisciplinary approaches will be favoured. Feel free to send your contributions to the editor, Jean-François Vernay (vernayj@yahoo.com), by 20 October, 2006. This is a deadline extension. All contributions in English will be translated into French.

4. Forthcoming Conferences

An international conference on postmodernism/post-colonialism in the new literatures in English will be held on 21–22 November, 2006, at the University of Prešov, Slovakia. Paper proposals should be sent to Dr. Jaroslav Kusnir by 20 October, 2006.

E-mail: jkusnir@fhpv.unipo.sk

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4th USACLALS International Conference

Santa Clara University
27–29 October, 2006

'Fissures and Sutures: Sources of Division and Mutual Aid in Postcolonial Reflections on History and Literature'

Contact: jhawley@scu.edu

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International Conference
Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies
Winthrop-King Institute for Contemporary French and Francophone Studies

Florida State University, Tallahassee
30 November – 2 December, 2006
'Boundaries and Limits of Postcolonialism: Anglophone, Francophone, Global'
Contact: Alec Hargreaves
ahargrea@MAILER.FSU.EDU
Conference web-site: www.fsu.edu/~icffs

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International conference
'Caryl Phillips: 25 Years of Writing'
University of Liège
1–2 December, 2006
Under the aegis of CEREP (Centre d'Enseignement et de Recherches en Etudes post-coloniales)
Contact: Bénédicte Ledent
(B.Ledent@ulg.ac.be)

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Annual conference of the Cultural Studies Association of Australasia
University of Canberra
6–8 December, 2006
'UNAUSTRALIA'
E-mail: paul.magee@canberra.edu.au
Website: www.unaustralia.com/

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3rd international multidisciplinary conference
University of Leuven
7–9 December, 2006
'Varieties of Voice'
Organised by BAAHE, Belgian Association of Anglicists in Higher Education
Contact: R. Ingelbien
(raphael.ingelbien@arts.kuleuven.be)

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University of Freiburg
16–18 February, 2007

'Multi-Ethnic Britain 2000+'
Website: www.uni-tuebingen.de/angl/meb2000plus

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2007 AAALS Conference
Georgetown University, Washington DC
22–24 March, 2007
'Literature and Politics'
Send 250-word proposals by 1 December 2006 to John Scheckter
(jscheck@liu.edu)

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6th Symposium on Iconicity in Language and Literature
University of Johannesburg, South Africa
1–4 April, 2007
Organisers: Jac Conradie and Marthinus Beukes
Homepage of the Iconicity Project:
<http://home.hum.uva.nl/iconicity>
400-word abstracts (with a brief CV) should be sent to iconicity@uj.ac.za by 15 November, 2006.

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International multidisciplinary conference
University Stendhal – Grenoble 3
27–28 April, 2007
'History / Stories of India'
Contact: Catherine Delmas
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Two-Day Conference
University of Northampton, UK
3–4 July, 2007 (new dates)
'Rerouting the Postcolonial'
Send 200-word abstracts by 2 March, 2006 to Janet Wilson Janet.Wilson@northampton.ac.uk and Fiona Tolan Fiona.Tolan@northampton.ac.uk

Check the UK Network for Modern Fiction Studies
website: <http://www.uk-fiction-network.org/>

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Symposium on the Life and Work of Bessie Head
University of Botswana, Gaborone
5–6 July, 2007

Proposals of no more than 500 words should be sent
by 30 November to Mary Lederer
(ledererm@info.bw)

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Second International Doris Lessing Conference
Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
6–8 July, 2007

‘Doris Lessing: Nation, Politics and Identity’
Contact: Susan Watkins s.watkins@leedsmet.ac.uk

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International Conference on the Life and Poetry of
Christopher Okigbo, 1932–67
Co-hosted by Boston University, Harvard University,
University of Massachusetts Boston and Wellesley
College
20–23 September, 2007

Send 250-word abstracts to Chukwuma Azuonye
(Chukwuma.Azuonye@umb.edu) by 31 January,
2007

Website: www.OkigboConference.net

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Colloquium on ‘Post-Colonial Ghosts’
University Paul Valéry (Montpellier 3)
8–10 November, 2007

Organised by CERPAC, Centre d’Etudes et de Re-
cherches sur les Pays du Commonwealth
Contact: Judith Misrahi-Barak
(judith.misrahibarak@univmontp3.fr)

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1st international, interdisciplinary, cross-cultural and
tranhistorical conference and festival
University of Saskatchewan
19–21 June, 2008

‘The Oral, the Written, and Other Verbal Media:
Interfaces and Audiences’
Forward enquiries and proposals (300-500 words) by
31 December 2006 to Susan Gingell
(sag178@mail.usask.ca)

5. Commonwealth Literature Conference for Eastern Europe

In our previous newsletter we promised more details
about our plan to organise a small-scale post-colonial
conference in an Eastern European country. Due to
unexpected circumstances Geoffrey Davis’s prepara-
tory visit to Prešov in Slovakia was delayed so that
the event itself had to postponed until the spring of
2007. All details will then be included in our winter
newsletter.

This being said the principles of the project re-
main unchanged and may as well be repeated here.
The major aim is to encourage Eastern European
scholars to embark on the study of Commonwealth
literature and to include the subject in their universi-
ties and school curricula, and also to facilitate at-
tendance by academics and students who would not
otherwise be able to attend our meetings.

The event will be devoted to presenting and dis-
cussing recent research and teaching methods in
Commonwealth literary studies. We would aim to
provide scholars in Eastern Europe who are begin-
ning or wish to begin to work in the field with an
overview of what is being done. We shall mount a
combination of regional survey lectures with small-
scale seminars on particular topics within the exper-
tise of those present. We intend to limit the number
of participants to 40 to facilitate real dialogue. The
event will be preceded by a postgraduate workshop
led by a major scholar.

6. The Next EACLALS Conference

We are now in a position to confirm that the next
triennial EACLALS conference will be taking place
in Venice on the island of San Servolo. It will be
organised jointly by Annalisa Oboe of the University
of Padua and Shaul Bassi and Armanda Pajalich of
the University of Venice. Details of the topic will be
issued very soon.

7. The Next ACLALS Conference

Please remember to sign into the ACLALS listserv
for messages if you want to be incorporated into the
group list and receive regular information about the
next ACLALS Conference in Vancouver. Also, in
the next few months registration information and
other conference details will be posted in an Open
Conference System on the ACLALS website. Check
www.aclals.org

It is worth mentioning, too, that papers can be ac-
cepted from people who may not be in a position to
travel to Canada for ACLALS 2007. Indeed the Uni-
versity of British Columbia has agreed to make com-
puter room available so that accepted papers from
people who are unable to attend can be consulted by
conference delegates through computers dedicated
for that purpose.

8. EACLALS Copenhagen Proceedings

We are pleased to inform our members that the pro-
ceedings of the Copenhagen conference are now in
the hands of the publisher and will be released short-
ly (Rodopi Press, Cross/Cultures series).