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Dear Member,

First of all, we would like to send you our very best wishes for the coming year which, we hope, will be fruitful and not too hectic for all of you.

We are pleased to let you know that our founding chairperson, Anna Rutherford, was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Gothenburg amid much « pomp and circumstance ».

Professor Itala Vivian from Milan writes that on 12 July she organized a round table « in memoria di Ken Saro-Wiwa », who was also given the « Premio Flaiano » literary award posthumously in Pescara.

Many of you responded to the questionnaire we sent last June concerning the venue of the next ACLALS conference. The response was overwhelmingly in favour of South Africa and we have since communicated the result to the acting chair of ACLALS, Professor D.C.R.A. Goonetilleke in Sri Lanka. We are now awaiting the final decision of the ACLALS executive.

Our next EACLALS conference will take place in Tübingen in 1999 and will be organized by Professor Gerhard Stilz. The committee will be meeting Professor Stilz in Tübingen in the very near future. We are already working on the details of the conference.

Thank you to Georges Leclercq, a Belgian painter, who kindly designed our logo free of charge.

Forthcoming Conferences

The following conferences have been brought to our attention :

- 16-18 January 1997 : Inaugural conference of the Asian Association for the Study of Australia. **Creative Configurations. The Expanding Australian Experience.** University of Trivandrum, Kerala, India. Dr Cynthia vanden Driesen, D. of English, Edith Cowan University, 2 Bradford Street, MT Lawley, WA 6050. Tel (61)9.370.6357. Fax : (61)9.370.6593. Email : c.vanden driesen@cowan.edu.au
- 31 Jan. 1 Feb. 1997 : **Other Places, Other Selves ?** UFR Lettres, Langues et Sciences Humaines, Université d'Angers, 2 rue Fleming, 49066 Angers cedex 01, France. Linda Collinge & Emmanuel Vernadakis. Tel : (33)41.72.12.06. Fax : (33)41.72.12.00. Email : Vernadakis@univ-angers.fr, or Collinge@univ-angers.fr
- 20-22 March 1997 : **Short Fiction II.** A follow up of the 1988 EACLALS conference in Nice on « Short Fiction in the New Literatures in English ». Jacqueline Bardolph, Short Fiction II, University of Nice, B.P.209-NICE Cédex 3, France. Fax : (33)93.37.53.53. Email : bardolph@hermes.unice.fr
- 24-27 April 1997 : conference of the « Collegium for African American Research » to be held in Liverpool. **Mapping African America.** Prof. Dr. Maria Diedrich, Englisches Seminar, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Johannisstr. 12-20, D-48143 Münster, Germany. Tel : (49) 251.83.4296. Fax (49)251.83.4652. Email : diedri@uni-muenster.de
- 29-30 April 1997 : **Enigmas and Arrivals.** Writing Now : An International Symposium to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Commonwealth Writers Prize. The Centre for English Studies, Room 360 ; Senate House, Malet St., London WC1E 7HU. (44)171.636.8000 ; fax (44)171.436.4533 ; Email : enigmas@sas.ac.uk
- 14 June 1997 : **Traduire la littérature des Caraïbes.** Université Michel de Montaigne, Bordeaux. Christine Raguet-Bouvard, Université de Bordeaux III, Domaine Universitaire, 33405 Talence Cedex. Tel : (33)56.84.50.62. Fax : (33)56.84.52.64. Email : lerat@montaigne.u-Bordeaux.fr
- 2-5 July 1997 : **Women and Texts : Languages, Technologies and Communities** (mainly Canadian and comparative). University of Leeds, Dr Lynette Hunter, School of English, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England. Tel : (44)113.2334.739. Fax : (44)113.2334.4774. Email : eng6lh@leeds.ac.uk

- 14-16 July 1997. University of Sydney. Australian Association for Caribbean Studies. Offers of papers on **all Caribbean topics** to Prof. Diane Austin-Broos. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW, Australia 2006. Tel : (61)2.351.2360. Fax : (61)2.351.3046. Email : diane.austinbroos@anthropology.su.edu.au
- 5-6 September 1997. Conference of the German Ass. For Cth Lit. University of Hannover. **Travelling, Migration, Dislocation**. Prof. Liselotte Glage, Englisch Seminar, Universität Hannover, Königsworther Platz 1, D-30167 Hannover.
- 5-9 September 1997. ESSE Conference, Debrecen, Hungary. The convenor of the Commonwealth workshop is Prof. Gerhard Stilz. Seminar für Englische Philologie. Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Wilhelmstrasse 50. D-72074 Tübingen, Germany. Tel : (49)7071.29.72959. Fax : (49)7071.29.4282.
- 18-21 September 1997. University of Karlskrona, Sweden. **Journeys, Myths and the Age of Travel : Joseph Conrad's Era**. Prof. Karin Hansson, Dept. of Humanities, Univ. of Karlskrona/Ronneby, S-371 79 Karlskrona, Sweden. Tel : (46)455.780.77. Fax : (46)455 780.70. Email : karin.hansson@ihu.hk-r.se
- 24-28 September 1997. EASA Conference. **Maintaining the National. Policies, Fictions and Discourses (of the National) in Contemporary Australian Culture**. Contact Franz Kuna. Institut für Anglistik/Amerikanistik, University of Klagenfurt, A-9020 Klagenfurt, Austria.
- 28-30 September 1997. University of Barcelona. **Fifty Years After Independence : India in 1997**. Dr Kathy Firth, Dept. Filologia Anglesa, Universitat de Barcelona, gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, 08007 Barcelona. Tel : (34)3.318.4266. Fax : (34)3.317.1249. Email : firth@lingua.fil.ub.es

Publications

- You can still order copies of *Who's Who in EACLALS* from Bénédicte Ledent. Address on subsc. Reminder. £6 including postage.
- *Australia's Changing Landscapes* (2.000 ptas instead of 2.500), *Barcelona University Australian Studies : Papers* (500 ptas), *A Spanish Sampler of Australian Studies* (2000 ptas instead of 2.500). The three books for 5.000 ptas in Europe. 6.000 elsewhere. University of Barcelona. Australia Studies Publications. Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes 585, 08007 Barcelona.
- *The White Man's Burdens. An Anthology of British Poetry of the Empire*. Ed. Chris Brooks & Peter Faulkner. *Not on Any Map. Essays on Postcoloniality and Cultural Nationalism*. Ed. Stuart Murray. *Representing Others. White Views of Indigenous Peoples*. Ed. Mick Gidley. All from University of Exeter Press, Reed Hall, Streatham Drive, Exeter EX4 4QR, UK.
- *South African Feminisms. Writing, Theory, and Criticism, 1990-1994*. Ed. M.J. Daymond. Garland Publishing Inc., New York & London, 1996.
- Cynthia van den Driesen. *Centering the Margins. Perspectives on Literatures in English from India, Africa, Australia*. Prestige Books, 3/28 East Patel Nagar, New Delhi 110 008, India.
- Karin Hansson. *The Unstable Manifold : Janet Frame's challenge to Determinism*. Lund University Press. Box 141, S-221 00 Lund, Sweden. 1996.
- Amon Saba Saakana. *Colonialism and the Destruction of the Mind. Psychosocial Issues of Race, Class, Religion & Sexuality in the Novels of Roy Heath*. Karnak House, 300 Westbourne Park Road, London W11 1EH, UK.
- *The Radical Imagination. Essays and Talks by Wilson Harris*. Ed. Alan Riach and Mark Williams. L3-Liège Language Literature, Dept. d'anglais. Univ. de Liège, 3 place Cockerill, 4.000 Liège, Belgium.
- Members who attended the 1986 ACLALS conference in Singapore may be interested to know that the proceedings have finally been published under the title *The Writer as Historical Witness*. Ed. Edwin Thumboo & Thiru Kandiah. Unipress, Centre for the Arts. National University of Singapore. Kent Ridge Crescent, 0511 Singapore.
- **New in the Cross/Cultures Series** published by Rodopi (Amsterdam/Atlanta) :
- Jane Plastow. *African Theatre and Politics. The Evolution of Theatre in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. A Comparative Study*. *Defining New Idioms and Alternative Forms of Expression*. (Asnel Papers 1). Ed. Eckhard Breitinger. *Fusion of Cultures ?* (Asnel Papers 2). Ed. Peter O. Stummer & Christopher Balme.

New Journals :

- *Il Tolomeo* (devoted to the New Literatures). Contact Professor G. Marra, Università Degli Studi di Venezia, Venezia I-30123, Dorsoduro 3246, Italia.
- *Glendora Review. African Quarterly on the Arts*. P.O.Box 50914 Falomo, Lagos, Nigeria. £20 a year.
- *englishes*. Ed. David Prendergast, Facultat de Lletres, Edifici B, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. 08193 Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain.