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1. Introduction

The Executive Committee of EACLALS held a meeting on 15th December 2001 at the University of Tübingen. Matters discussed included the budgets for 2001 and 2002; membership fees; the introduction of the Euro; the Triennial conference held in Canberra; forthcoming EACLALS publications; possible constitutional amendments; and the upcoming election for the officers of the association.

A further grant of £500 was made to the organisers of the Copenhagen conference in order to subsidise fees for scholars from developing countries.

There will be a membership desk at the Copenhagen conference where members may renew subscriptions and new members may join the association.

The first volume of proceedings from the Tübingen Triennial conference – *Colonies, Missions, Cultures* – is now available. The second will appear in the Cross/Cultures series during 2002.

The next ACLALS Triennial conference will take place in Hyderabad (India) in 2004.

Would those members who have not yet given us their e-mail address please do so. Thank you.

2. Notice of Elections, given Dec. 24, 2001

An election is due for all positions on the Executive Committee of EACLALS. This will take place during the General Meeting of the Association at the

Copenhagen Triennial conference. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th between 3pm and 6pm at a venue which is yet to be determined.

As the Chair is not standing for re-election, the Secretary has now completed the statutory two terms, and the office of Treasurer is vacant (Susanne Müller having been temporarily appointed as Acting Treasurer only), all three positions are up for election this time.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the EACLALS Constitution agreed at Tübingen.

The relevant clauses are as follows:



17. NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

Notice of Elections shall be sent out to all current members three months before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association at which the elections are to take place.

18. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be conducted in the following manner:

a The call for nominations to all Executive positions in the Association, most particularly for the institutional (Headquarter) positions of the chief officers of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, should be included in the Notice of Elections.

b Written nominations, including the written consent of the nominee, and the supporting signatures of two paid-up members of the Association, shall be submitted to the Secretary two months before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

c A full list of candidates for a prospective Executive Committee, together with the site(s) of a proposed Headquarters, shall be prepared by the outgoing

Executive Committee for presentation at the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

d The list of candidates and the submitted nominations shall be included in a mail ballot to be sent out to all members one month before the Triennial General Meeting of the Association.

e Nominations for any position may be made from the floor at the Triennial General Meeting, with the consent of the nominee and the support of two members of the Association, present at the Triennial General Meeting.

f Mail ballots shall not be tabulated until the day of the election and then not counted until the completion of the vote from the floor.

g Mailed ballots should be submitted in a plain, sealed envelope. This envelope should then be placed inside another envelope, sealed, with the member's signature written across the sealing strip. These ballots shall be verified by the Secretary against the current membership lists. The signed envelopes shall be opened by the Secretary at the appropriate point in the agenda of the Triennial General Meeting. A member of the Association approved of by the general membership present shall then record the ballots in the plain envelopes.

h All members shall have one vote.

i Members who have voted by mail, but who are present at the Triennial General Meeting of the Association, shall be considered to have already cast their vote.

j Voting at all elections of the Association shall be by secret ballot.

k No member of the Executive Committee may stand for more than two consecutive terms.

l The new Executive Committee shall assume office at the conclusion of the Triennial General Meeting of the Association at which the elections have taken place.



3. Call for Nominations

We therefore invite nominations for all three positions.

In accordance with Clause 18 (b) above, these should be submitted in writing to the Secretary on or before January 24, 2002.

The address which nominations should be sent to is:

Geoffrey V. Davis,
Institut für Anglistik,
RWTH Aachen,
52056 Aachen,
Germany.

4. EACLALS General Meeting, Copenhagen, March 24, 2002: Agenda

1. Report of the Chairperson.
2. Report of the Secretary.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Appointment of Nominating Committee
5. Elections of Officers.
6. Fixing of the date and place of the next Triennial General Meeting.
7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Amendments to the Constitution.
9. *Wasafiri* Subscription proposal.
10. Miscellaneous
11. Adjournment.

5. The next EACLALS Triennial Conference, Copenhagen 2002

A second circular regarding the conference has now been distributed.

The contact address is:

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May we remind you that EACLALS membership is required for all conference speakers.

6. Other future conferences

African Orality and Creativity

Fourth Conference of the

International Society for Oral Literature in Africa
University of Savoie, Chambéry, France

July 10-12, 2002

Proposals to Anne-Marie Dauphin

(amdauphin@freesurf.fr)

Details of topics may be found on the ISOLA website at <http://www.oneworld.org/jai/>.

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Rethinking Commonwealth/Postcolonial Literatures:

Cartographies and Topographies, Past and Present

Second International Conference of the United States

Association for Commonwealth Literature and
Language Studies

Santa Clara University, California

April 26-28, 2002

Deadline for applications: January 15, 2002

300 word abstracts to:

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fax: 408 554 4837

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Embracing the Other:

Addressing Xenophobia in the New Literatures in English

Annual Conference of the
Association for the Study of the New Literatures
in English (ASNEL)

University of Erfurt (Germany)

May 8-11, 2002

deadline for proposals: January 15, 2002

Contact: Heinz Antor,

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Images of Loss and Reconciliation.

A Multidisciplinary International Conference.

University of Bath, UK

Sept. 2002

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7. New Publications by and/or of interest to EACLALS members.

The following recent publications have come to our attention:

Byrd, Delys, Robert Dixon and Christopher Lee (ed.) *Authority and Influence. Australian Literary Criticism 1950-2000* (St. Lucia, Qld.: University of Queensland Press, 2001)

Ehling, Holger and Claus-Peter Holste-von Mutius (ed.). *No Condition is Permanent: Nigerian Writing and the Struggle for Democracy* (Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2001) *Matatu* 23-24.

Fumagalli, Maria Cristina. *The Flight of the Vernacular. Seamus Heaney, Derek Walcott and the Impress of Dante* (Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2001), *Cross/Cultures* 49.

Kruger, Robert and Abebe Zegeye (ed.). *Culture in the New South Africa. After Apartheid* –Vol. 2. (Cape Town: Kwela Books, 2001)

Maufort, Marc. (ed.). *Siting the Other: Re-Visions of Marginality in Australian and English-Canadian Drama* (Brussels: P.I.E. – Peter Lang, 2001).

Phillips, Caryl. *A New World Order. Selected Essays* (London: Secker & Warburg, 2001)

Stilz, Gerhard (ed.). *Colonies, Missions, Cultures in the English-speaking World: General and Comparative Studies* (Tübingen: Stauffenburg, 2001)

Zegeye, Abebe (ed.) *Social Identities in the New South Africa. After Apartheid* - Vol.1 (Cape Town: Kwela Books, 2001)

8. Books for Poland

In his capacity as Chair of the German Association for Australian Studies, Norbert Platz has put out an appeal for members to send spare duplicate copies of Australian texts to the English Dept. of the University of Opole in Poland.

EACLALS would like to support this initiative, has made a grant from its own funds, and would like to ask our members to respond to the appeal.

The address to which books should be sent is:

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