

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF  
MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY  
FRANCE



# Newsletter

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## ASSOCIATION NEWS

**AS you know, in order to ensure all members are fully informed of the Association's activities, we shall periodically publish a Newsletter in email format, transferring entirely from hard copy format as email addresses are submitted. PLEASE COULD MEMBERS STILL RECEIVING THIS MAY/JUNE 2007 ISSUE IN HARD COPY NOW PROVIDE THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS TO FACILITATE THE NEWSLETTER OPERATION?**

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

**M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk    (see page 8)**

**President's Report**

## Colleagues

As President of the Association during the past year I have been publicising the Association when attending international research meetings (Versailles, Paris, Tunis, Huston, Cambridge) and national meetings on HE input into government Language policy (AUPHF in Belfast, HEFCE initiatives for Languages). As a profession of French teachers we know the best way of promoting our subject is to have an impact on recruitment of future students. The future of vibrant scholarly activity in all aspects of French Studies is tied up with the health of language teaching in general. At the AGM I suggested that there are many opportunities for consultation and collaboration with secondary teachers and indeed other associations with similar concerns. We welcomed Paola Filipucci from ASMI, the Association for the Study of Modern Italy, and agreed we could pursue establishing closer links further to our mutual benefit. This we shall endeavour to do as an Association particularly with the staff from the Institut français who are keen to contribute to devising a *stratégie pour les langues dans le Royaume uni*.

As a committee we have had a hectic year in the planning of events and responding to members' submissions. Thanks are due to the outgoing Treasurer Nadia Kirwan for her hard work; Steve Wharton is our new Treasurer. As we begin a new academic session I would like to extend a welcome to new and returning members, especially postgraduates. The hard work of publicity officers and membership secretary has paid off with membership at a healthy rate but of course there is no room for complacency. We have an e-mail list established by Maggie Allison to which we urge you to subscribe if you have not done so already so that we can communicate with members electronically. The postgraduate membership has gone up dramatically – largely due to the efforts of Imogen Long who is standing down as PG officer and leaving Helena Chadderton in the post. The latter shadowed Imogen for a year and will be the PG conference organiser for 2008 (details on the web). This is a very hopeful sign for our Association. This year has been a bumper year for applications from individuals and groups for initiative funds, for submissions of undergraduate essays and for attendance at the annual conference. At the AGM the winners of the Brian Darling and Douglas Johnson prizes were announced and the new committee was sworn in. Our wonderful secretary Emmanuel Godin has agreed to serve for one final year. We have renewed the guidelines for organising the annual conference and look forward to expressions of interest for hosting the conference in 2009, 2010 and beyond. Jill Lovecy who is currently acting as our conference officer will step down from that role for the moment as she is co-organiser with Barbara Lebrun for the 2008 annual conference (details on the web). With the AGM approval it has been decided to run a two day conference in Manchester 2008 to see if this makes it more accessible to participants who are hard pressed for time and money. This year at Reading we heard some excellent papers from participants from several countries on the theme of mapping France and enjoyed the excellent friendly atmosphere that is the hallmark of our association. Our thanks go to the Reading conference organisers, especially Andre Knapp for a superb event. Bonne rentrée à tous et à toutes!

**Professor Máire Cross**

## **NEWLY CONSTITUTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Honorary President: Máire Cross

Honorary Vice-Presidents: David Hanley and Siân Reynolds

Honorary Secretary: Emmanuel Godin

Treasurer: Steve Wharton

Membership Secretary: Maggie Allison

Post-Graduate Officer: Helena Chadderton

Publicity Officer: Daniel Gordon

Webmaster: Scott Soo

Ordinary Officers:

Jonathan Ervine

Imogen Long

Chris Reynolds

Julia Waters

2008 Conference Organisers: Jill Lovecy and Barbara Lebrun

## **Modern and Contemporary France**

**Announcement**

## Editorial Vacancy at *Modern and Contemporary France*: Reviews Editor

Applications are invited for the post of Reviews Editor at *Modern and Contemporary France*. The Reviews Editor oversees all aspects of the book reviews operation and is supported by an Editorial Assistant based at the University of Southampton, UK. The appointee will be expected to work closely with other members of the Editorial Team and to attend meetings with the Editorial Board (twice a year), the journal's publishers (usually once a year) and perhaps occasionally the Executive Committee of the Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France. The term of office is normally 3 years.

Informal enquiries about the post can be sent to the Executive Editor, Dr Jackie Clarke, [jrc4@soton.ac.uk](mailto:jrc4@soton.ac.uk)

Applications should be made by a brief CV (no more than 4 pages) and letter to The Hon. Secretary of ASMCF, Emmanuel Godin, [emmanuel.godin@port.ac.uk](mailto:emmanuel.godin@port.ac.uk)

Deadline for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007

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## ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008 *Constructing French Identity / Identities* University of Manchester 5-6 September 2008 Call for Papers

This conference will explore the emergence and expression of multiple, plural and divided French identities, and the ways in which such developments have interacted with enduring concerns to assert a more unified vision of what it means to be French (most notably, perhaps, in the modern and contemporary periods, through the concept of republican citizenship). These are issues which lend themselves to historical investigation but which have come to the fore with particular acuity since 1945, as domestic processes of social, political, economic and cultural change have combined with increased involvement with 'the other' through European integration, post-colonial immigration and new forms of globalization. The conference should therefore appeal to specialists working in the social sciences, literary, cultural, film and media studies, politics and history, as well as to comparatists.

Confirmed keynote speaker: Sami Nair (Université Paris VIII; Institut d'Etudes et de Recherches Europe-Méditerranée –IEREM).

The conference will be organised around 'themed' streams of panels, running in parallel across two days. These are intended to build on the Association's interdisciplinary strengths, encouraging colleagues to engage with common issues and topics even though approached through different disciplinary perspectives. However, individual panel sessions within each stream may be organised within a shared disciplinary framework. Suggested themes are:

1. French identity / identities and political representations
2. French identity / identities and cultural representations
3. French identity / identities and processes of Europeanisation
4. French identity / identities in the Francophone world

Within each of these streams, papers should engage with specific debates around notions of ethnicity, class, gender and generation, and how these affect the construction of 'identity'.

We welcome proposals for individual papers or for groups of papers forming a single panel session. The Association is keen to encourage postgraduate participation at its annual conferences, and welcomes paper proposals and posters from doctoral students. The deadline for receipt of paper and panel proposals is **15<sup>th</sup> December 2007**. The full version of this call for papers is posted on the ASMCF website ([www.asmcf.org](http://www.asmcf.org)). All enquiries, proposals for panels and paper proposals (with an abstract of 250 words) should be addressed to:

Dr. Jill Lovecy, email: [jill.lovecy@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:jill.lovecy@manchester.ac.uk) / Politics (School of Social Sciences), The University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, or

Dr Barbara Lebrun, email: [barbara.lebrun@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:barbara.lebrun@manchester.ac.uk) / French Studies (School of Languages, Linguistics and Culture), The University of Manchester, Manchester, M13 9PL.

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### **ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2009 and 2010**

The Executive committee welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2009 and 2010. For information on how to submit a proposal please consult the Honorary Secretary, Emmanuel Godin:

secretary@asmcf.org or: jill.lovecy@man.ac.uk

by 10<sup>th</sup> November 2007, prior to the next Executive Committee meeting on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2007

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**POSTGRADUATE STUDY**

**At the Institut Français, London,**

**2008**



**DAY**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 – 10.30 Arrival: Tea and Coffee

**Welcome and presentation of the ASMCF: Maggie Allison, Membership Secretary**

Session I: 10.30

**'The PhD Process: Getting started': Ruth Kitchen, Leeds University**

Session II: 11.00

**'Research in Paris: Tales of the Archives': Mark Sawchuk, University of California, Berkeley**

11.30: Coffee

Session III: 12:00

**'Publishing': Dr Jackie Clarke, editor of *Modern and Contemporary France*, Southampton University**

Session IV: 12:30

**'Entering academia: your first job': Charlotte Baker, the University of Lancaster**

13.00: Lunch

Session V: 14:30

**Matthew Moran, UCL: 'Les "quartiers sensibles": a testing ground for the Republic?'**

**Dr Nadia Kiwan, Aberdeen University: 'Transnational artists' networks'**

**Dr Ruth Cruickshank, Royal Holloway: 'Representations of Paris in recent French cinema.'**

16:00: End

For an application form please go to [www.asmcf.org](http://www.asmcf.org) or contact the PG rep, Helena Chadderton at [h.chadderton@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:h.chadderton@lancaster.ac.uk)

**ASMCF NORTH WEST**

## **ASMCF North West Autumn Programme 2007**

Wednesday 31 October 2007, 6.00 pm

at the Rendell Building, University of Liverpool

**Peter Lennon** (*Guardian* correspondent in Paris in the 1960s)

Screening of his film *The Rocky Road to Dublin* and discussion,  
followed by drinks reception and dinner.

For further details please contact Tadgh O'Sullivan, [tadghosullivan@gmail.com](mailto:tadghosullivan@gmail.com)

Friday 14 December 2007, 3.00 pm

at Edge Hill University

**Dr James McDougall** (SOAS, author of *History and the Culture of Nationalism in Algeria*),  
'Problèmes de mémoire: Sarko in Dakar and 'indigènes' in France'

For further details please contact Daniel Gordon, [gordond@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:gordond@edgehill.ac.uk)

Members of ASMCF based in or near North West England who are not yet on the ASMCFNW email list are encouraged to get in touch with me at the above address to receive details of future events.

Daniel Gordon

Chair, ASMCF North West

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### **French Media Research Grojup: 15 10 November 2007 in Newcastle**

#### **Symposium: Representation of women in the French press**

#### **Programme**

9.30 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 11.30 **Newspapers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century**

Jane Chapman: George Sand as Editor and Journalist

Kate Allison: Victors and Victims: Politicising the Female Form in the Boer War cartoons of 'Punch' and 'Assiette au Beurre'.

11.45 – 13.15 **Science, Learned Journals and Gender**

Felicia Gordon: Publicity and Professionalism: Madeleine Pelletier (1874-1939) and Constance Pascal (1877-1937).

Louise Lyle: 'La femme de l'Avenir': a creation of the Male Medical Scientific and Literary Imagination

13.15 - 14.15 **Lunch**

14.15 – 15.30 **Women Politicians and Contemporary Press**

Armelle le Bras-Chopard: la campagne de Ségolène Royal vue par la Française.

Final discussion on Gender Questions and Constraints/Opportunities of Media examined throughout the day.

15.30 – 16.00 Roundup, tea and discussion of future meetings.

For further details please contact: [M.F.Cross@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:M.F.Cross@newcastle.ac.uk) or consult the attached Adobe flyer, also on the website: [www.asmcf.org](http://www.asmcf.org)

**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 website (rubric 'Funding').

Please send applications to: Honorary Secretary, Emmanuel Godin at:

**secretary@asmcf.org**

For consideration at the forthcoming Executive Committee meetings, **please submit bids in good time**, preferably not too close to the event in question, **by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007, in time for the next Executive Meeting. Applications should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation such as calls for papers and a programme of events.**

**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.**

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**PRIZE WINNERS 2007**

**Congratulations to the following prize winners:**

**Douglas Johnson prize (£250)**

Karen Saunders (Cardiff) for an essay: How does Samuel Beckett use the concept of self-fragmentation within the operations of memory in his plays and to what effect?

**Brian darling Prize (250)**

Claire Earl (Newcastle) for an essay: How does feminism influence our understanding of French politics between the wars?

**PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION**

**Please bring these to the attention of those eligible**

*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:

**Emmanuel Godin, Park Building, King Henry Street, University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth P01 2DZ, UK.**

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:

secretary@asmcf.org  
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### **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, Emmanuel Godin at: **secretary@amscf.org** **This should be done in time for the May Executive Committee meeting.** 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 than three months after return to the UK.

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### **FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DATES AND DEADLINES FOR INITIATIVE FUND BIDS**

17 November 2007 (Deadline 9 November 2007)

10 February 2008 (Deadline 1 February)

17 May 2008 (Deadline 9 May)

**Items for the Executive Committee and AGM agendas and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Emmanuel Godin, at: secretary@asmcf.org**

### **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

The full membership fee is now £44 / \$79.

The Postgraduate and Unwaged fees remain at £10/ \$18.

## **MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST**

**The list is now progressing very well, so, yet again, a heartfelt thank you to all those who have provided their email addresses.**

**There are still a few outstanding, so PLEASE SPARE A MOMENT to forward the remaining ones to me so we are able to inform colleagues as rapidly and efficiently as possible of ASMCF and other related events and news.**

**PLEASE also forward any CHANGE to your email and other contact details to:  
Maggie Allison,**

**M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk**

**I can then forward these to Taylor and Francis for their membership database.  
Thank you in advance.**

21 September 2007