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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 2008 ISSUE IN HARD COPY NOW PROVIDE THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS TO FACILITATE THE NEWSLETTER OPERATION?

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Modern and Contemporary France

As ever, the Editors of MCF are on the lookout for high quality submissions for forthcoming issues of the journal. We encourage members of the Association to think of the journal as a potential outlet for their work. We are also keen to hear from colleagues who are willing to review books. To propose a book review or review article, please contact Vivienne Orchard (V.Orchard@soton.ac.uk). Enquiries about submitting an article should be directed to Jackie Clarke (J.R.Clarke@soton.ac.uk).

Jackie

ASMCF Annual Conference 2008 *Constructing French Identity / Identities* University of Manchester 5-6 September 2008

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 Naïr (Université Paris VIII; Institut d'Etudes et de Recherches Europe-Méditerranée –IEREM).

The programme and registration details are attached as part of this mailing.

For further details, please consult:

Dr. Jill Lovecy, email: 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 / French Studies (School of Languages, Linguistics and Culture), The University of Manchester, Manchester, M13 9PL.

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2009 and 2010

The 2009 Annual Conference will be hosted by the University of Portsmouth, with the theme: *France and the Mediterranean*

The Executive committee welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2010 and 2011. For information on how to submit a proposal please consult the Honorary Secretary, Emmanuel Godin:

secretary@asmcf.org

or:

CONFERENCE OFFICER: chris.reynolds@ntu.ac.uk

ASMCF NORTH WEST

**Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France North West
Regional Group**

Programme Spring/Summer 2008

2-4 July at Liverpool University

Conference on Loss, Nostalgia and *la fracture coloniale*: contextualising *l'Inde perdue*

Supported by the ASMCF Initiative Fund

For further details and registration, please contact Kate Marsh,
clmarsh@liverpool.ac.uk

For general details regarding the North West Group, please contact:

gordond@edgehill.ac.uk

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FMRG: French Media Research Group

The Changing Face of the French Media : Call for Papers

Supported by the ASMCF Initiative Fund

Contributions are invited for the above one-day conference, organised under the auspices of the French Media Research Group, to be held at the University of Nottingham on Saturday 22 November 2008.

‘Il était logique que le monde de l’information soit affecté par le changement de majorité intervenu aux élections présidentielles et législatives.’

Thus wrote Serge Bauman after the Left’s accession to power in 1981 (‘Quels changements dans l’information ?’, *Revue Politique et parlementaire* 894, sept.-oct. 1981, pp.9-23).

With Nicolas Sarkozy’s election to the presidency in 2007, and his proposal to remove advertising from public sector TV channels, it would seem that politics still shapes the French media. They are, of course, also changing because of new technologies, globalisation, and the international market in programme formats. Broadcasters were also recently given a new mission to promote diversity, and to reflect the socio-cultural diversity of modern France. The purpose of this conference is to explore the changing face of the French media – or elements of continuity – both in terms of organisational structures and media outputs.

Papers are invited on any aspect of change / continuity in the media, from any point of view: media outlets, programme production, consumption, regulation etc. We are particularly interested in contemporary media but welcome also contributions taking a historical perspective. Papers may be in French or English.

The following list is indicative and not meant to be exhaustive:

Public/private sectors; advertising and other sources of funding

Continuous news channels

Impact of blogs on traditional media

Media access, production or technology

Regulation, the CSA

Patterns of media consumption

Representations of gender, ethnicity, or other socio-cultural variables

Programme formats / genres

Journalism, journalist training and professional ethics

Media on media / media interfaces

National / international / regional / community media

Please submit proposals with an abstract (max.300 words) to the conference organisers:

Dr Sheila Perry, University of Nottingham: sheila.perry@nottingham.ac.uk

Ms Maggie Allison, University of Bradford: m.e.allison@bradford.ac.uk

Deadline for proposals: 2 July 2008.

Contributions from Postgraduate students are welcome, and financial support for attendance by PGs giving papers may be provided (within the limits of available funding).

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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. Forthcoming deadlines are:

- **Friday 22nd August (prior to the Executive meeting to be held during the Annual Conference in Manchester).**

Subsequent deadlines for 2008/9 are:

- **1st November 2008**
- **1st February 2009**
- **1st May 2009**

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 and reported in the Newsletter.

RECENT SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS:

FMRG for: *The Changing face of the French Media*, Nottingham, 22 November 2008

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@amsf.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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THE DOUGLAS JOHNSON MEMORIAL PRIZE

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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:

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

ASMCF WEBSITE

A number of changes have recently been incorporated into the website, but ideas always welcome to enable it to be as efficient and welcoming as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact Scott Soo with your suggestions and materials.

Visit: www.asmcf.org

Contact the website officer, Scott Soo at: S.Soo@soton.ac.uk

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AGM MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 2008, during the Annual Conference in Manchester, 5-6 September 2008.

Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, Emmanuel Godin, 2008 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

Thank you again 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,**

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Thank you in advance.