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FRANCE



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KINDLY FORWARD YOUR EMAIL TO:
M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Hon Vice Presidents: David Hanley; Siân Reynolds

Hon Secretary: Steve Wharton

Executive Committee, 2009/2010

(Term of office expires at the AGM of the year given)

President: Máire Cross, Newcastle 2011

Vice-Presidents

David Hanley, Portsmouth; Siân Reynolds, Stirling

Secretary: Steve Wharton, Bath 2011

Treasurer: Jonathan Ervine, Bangor 2011

Interim Membership Secretary: Maggie Allison, Bradford 2011

Editorial Board Representative: Jackie Clarke, Editor, M&CF, Southampton

PG Representative: Joanna Warson, Portsmouth 2011

Ordinary members

Maggie Allison (Conference Officer), Bradford 2011

Helena Chadderton, 2012 (Re-elected)

Matthew Moran, KCL 2011

Scott Soo (Web Officer), Southampton 2011

Jan Windebank, 2012 (newly-elected)

Co-opted members

Lyndsey Dodd (Reading) 2012

Chris Reynolds (2010 Conference, Nottingham Trent) 2011

Christina Johnston/Fiona Barclay (2011 Conference, University of Stirling) 2012

MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY FRANCE

Appointments to the Editorial Board:

The following Editorial Board Appointments were made and will run as from 1 January 2011: Kay Chadwick; Frederick Royall; Chris Tinker.

**THE ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2011 WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF STIRLING, 1-3 SEPTEMBER.
THEME: CONTINUITIES AND DISCONTINUITIES**

The Executive committee welcomes bids to host the Annual Conference in 2012 and 2013. For information on how to submit a proposal please consult the:

Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

or:

Conference Officer: Maggie Allison at: M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

The new Postgraduate representative is Joanna Warson of the University of Portsmouth.

**The next Postgraduate Study Day will take place in PORTSMOUTH on:
Saturday, 19 March 2011: 11.00 am to 5.00 pm**

Price: Free for ASMCF PG members; £10 for non-members

Programme details to follow in the New Year.

Details from: [Joanna Warson@port.ac.uk](mailto:Joanna.Warson@port.ac.uk)

FOR INFORMATION ON PG MEMBERSHIP, contact:

Maggie Allison at: M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk

ASMCF NORTH WEST

Meeting on 18 February 2011 at Edge Hill University

Professor Robert Gildea will talk on: 'Around 1968: Activism, Networks, Trajectories'

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 ASMCF website (rubric 'Funding').

Please send applications to: Honorary Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

For consideration at the forthcoming Executive Committee meetings, **please submit bids in good time**, preferably not too close to the event in question. The forthcoming deadlines are:

25 February 2011; 27 August 2011

Applications should be accompanied by relevant supporting documentation such as a call for papers and, where possible, an outline programme. 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.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION (Executive meeting 27 November 2010)

ASMCF North West: Grant of £75 relative to a meeting on 18 February, 2011, with Guest Speaker Robert Professor of Modern History, Oxford University.

PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

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:

Dr Steve Wharton, Department of European Studies and Modern Languages, University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.

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: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**

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, Steve Wharton at: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**. **This should be done by 15 May 2011**. 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 three months after return to the UK.

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THE DOUGLAS JOHNSON MEMORIAL PRIZE

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ASMCF WEBSITE

The new website was launched during the 2009 annual conference at the University of Portsmouth as part of the Association's 30th anniversary celebration. As always, please contact Scott Soo with any suggestions for the website.

HE IS KEEN TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF MEMBERS' MONOGRAPHS TO POST ON THE SITE.

Visit the website on: www.asmcf.org

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

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 13.30 on Saturday 5 March 2011 at the Institut Français in London.

Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted by FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk

The subsequent meeting is scheduled for Thursday 2 September (tbc) at the University of Stirling

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Full Membership Fees will increase slightly as of January 2011

Full Membership (including MCF Journal):	£46/ US \$82/€71
Postgraduate, Unwaged and Retired (no Journal):	£10/ US \$19/€16

To see the full benefits of Membership, including access to the MCF Quarterly Periodicals Index, please access the **Members' Area** on the Association's website at:
www.asmcf.org

Unfortunately Imogen Long is unable to continue as Membership Secretary at this point. We thank her warmly for her work.

For the present Maggie Allison will act as interim Membership Secretary.

PLEASE forward any changes to your email and other contact details to:

Maggie Allison at: M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk