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**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

Membership Secretary: Imogen Long, Limerick 2012

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

PG Representative: Lindsey Dodd, Reading 2010 (**New representative sought**)

**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**

Chris Reynolds (2010 Conference, Nottingham Trent) 2011

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

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSTS: ELECTIONS**

**Two committee posts became vacant at the AGM on 10 September 2010. Dr Helena Chadderton and Professor Jan Windebank were elected.**

**Joanna Warson (University of Portsmouth) will replace Lindsey Dodd as Postgraduate Representative.**

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# **REPORT: ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010 REPORT**

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NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY 9-11 SEPTEMBER 2010  
*LA FRANCE ET LA CRISE: BILANS, RUPTURES ET ANTÉCÉDENTS*

The Association wishes to thank the co-organisers, Professor Martin O'Shaughnessy and Dr Chris Reynolds, together with all the team of behind the scenes helpers for underpinning an excellent, topical and thought-provoking conference.

The theme drew contributions from a wide range of disciplines spanning history, economics, politics, film studies and industrial relations in addition to philosophy, gender and cultural studies and post-colonialism. The three keynote speakers reflected this breadth, a fundamental characteristic of ASMCF: the opening plenary of Frédéric Lordon, *Trancher. Le nœud gordien des contradictions du capitalisme néolibéral*, gave an intensive yet comprehensive analysis of France's position in relation to the global economy; the closing plenary, Isabelle Sommier's *Le renouveau de la critique sociale depuis des années 1990*, presented an overview of socio-political action and discourse in France over the last two decades; referring us to *antécédents*, the Peter Morris Lecture delivered by Professor Brian Jenkins midway through the conference, highlighted and recontextualised debates around the crises of 1934 and 1968.

The conference was well-attended, with some 72 delegates, many of whom were non-UK based, coming from France, Belgium, USA and Australia. It is most gratifying that the conference and the Association maintain such a wide appeal. Moreover there was a strong postgraduate attendance, reflecting increased PG membership and the success of postgraduate study days. The postgraduate poster session was also a success.

The AGM on Friday 10 September was well attended, electing two members to the committee, Dr Helena Chadderton and Professor Jan Windebank.

The venue, the Conference Centre in the centrally situated and recently redeveloped Newton Building, provided a most congenial cadre for the event: the welcome was excellent, as were arrangements for refreshments and meals. Thank you to those ensuring this infrastructure, as well as to the representatives of Taylor and Francis and Peter Lang who were present with journal and book displays respectively.

A final heartfelt thank you to all paper-givers, session chairs, the two co-organisers and the many colleagues at NTU who collaborated to make this a memorable conference.

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## **ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2011, 2012 and 2013**

**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](mailto:S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk)**

or:

**Conference Officer: Maggie Allison at: [M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:M.E.Allison@bradford.ac.uk)**

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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 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:

- **19 November 2010; 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 9 September 2010)

The sum of £290 was awarded to support the three-day conference: **Women's filmmaking in France: 2000-2010**, co-organised by Dr Kate Ince (University of Birmingham) and Professor Carie Tarr (University of Kingston), 2-4 December 2010.

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### PRIZES AWARDED BY THE ASSOCIATION

*All three prizes are now set at £250*

#### **Prize-winners 2010**

**Brian Darling Memorial Essay Prize:** Daniel Voragic (University of Sussex) for an essay entitled:

**Douglas Johnson Memorial Essay Prize:** Dominic Lintner (University of Bristol) for an essay entitled:

**Peter Morris Memorial PG Travel Prize:** Alexander Bostrom, (University of Leeds) to enable

#### **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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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:

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

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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 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. As always, please contact Scott Soo with any suggestions for the website.

Visit the website on: [www.asmcf.org](http://www.asmcf.org)

Contact the website officer, Scott Soo at: [S.Soo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:S.Soo@soton.ac.uk)

## **FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 13.30 on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> at the Institut Français in London.**

**Items for the next Executive Committee agenda and any Initiative fund bids should be submitted by FRIDAY 19 NOVEMBER to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at:**

**[S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk](mailto:S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk)**

**The subsequent meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 5 March 2011**

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## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

**Full Membership Fees will increase slightly as of January 2011**

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

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](http://www.asmcf.org)**

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