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ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Vacancy

Co-opted members

Nicole Fayard & Fransiska Louwagie, (Conference organisers 2013) (Leicester)

OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ASMCF COMMITTEE IN 2013/14

The Association seeks to encourage the active participation of members in the organisation and running of its business. If you would like to serve on the Executive Committee as an ordinary member, please register your interest by 31 August 2013 by contacting the Secretary, Steve Wharton (s.wharton@bath.ac.uk). [Nominations may be taken up to the start of the AGM but an expression of interest by 31 August will be helpful.]

At the 2013 AGM to be held at the Leicester conference in September; the following Officers of the committee will be stepping down:

- The President
- The Honorary Treasurer
- The Web Officer

The Committee also wishes to appoint a Schools Liaison Officer.

If any Member is interested in putting him or herself forward for any of these posts, please register your interest by 31 August 2013 by contacting the Secretary, Steve Wharton (s.wharton@bath.ac.uk). [Nominations may be taken up to the start of the AGM but an expression of interest by 31 August will be helpful.]

Elections to the committee and officer posts take place at the AGM held during the conference.

ASMCF ANNUAL CONFERENCES

- The ASMCF Annual conference 2013 will take place at the University of Leicester from 5-7th September on the theme: **RENEGOTIATING SOCIAL DIVISIONS IN FRANCE AND THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD**. Registration for the conference IS NOW OPEN. Please see website for details: <http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/modern-languages/asmcf2013>
- Advance notice: the ASMCF conference 2014 will be held at The University of Southampton.
- The Executive committee welcomes expressions of interest to host the Annual Conference in 2015. Please consult the Secretary, Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk by 31 August 2013. Proposals will be considered at the September Executive Committee meeting.

ASMCF INITIATIVE FUND

The Association's Initiative Fund provides small grants to individuals or institutions who are members of the Association to help defray the costs of day schools, seminars etc., and support for postgraduate activities and travel (in addition to specific funding for

postgraduate conferences/day schools). The Association is particularly keen to encourage and support regionally based collaborative initiatives on the part of its members.

Please download and complete the [Initiative Fund form](#) and return it to: Steve Wharton, Department of Politics, :Languages and International Studies, The University of Bath, Bath BA2 7AY.

Forthcoming deadlines for the initiative fund are:

31 August 2013

08 November 2013

21 February 2014

09 May 2014

31 August 2014

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.

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 member of the Association at a UK or other university.

The Douglas Johnson Memorial Essay Prize

This prize was established in memory of the late Douglas Johnson, the first Honorary President 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, should be over five thousand words, but not exceed ten thousand words.

Essays or dissertations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from a member of the Association at a UK or other university.

Peter Morris Postgraduate Travel Prize

This prize was established in memory of the late Peter Morris, a founding member of the Association.

The prize, **to the value of £250**, is awarded to a postgraduate students whose project is deemed worthy of support. Applications should include an outline of the intended travel, its relevance to the underlying research project, and a statement of support from a supervisor, who should normally be a member of the Association.

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.

Submissions for any or all of the above prizes 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.**

Further enquiries may be made of the Secretary at: **S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk**

FORTHCOMING ASMCF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 05 September at the University of Leicester.

Urgent items for the next Executive Committee agenda, and any Initiative fund bids, should be submitted by **31 August 2013** to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Steve Wharton at: S.Wharton@bath.ac.uk
