

THE ANGLO-CATALAN SOCIETY

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First Circular

Dear Colleague,

The XXV Annual Conference of the Anglo-Catalan Society will be held at the Instituto de España en Londres (102 Eaton Square, SW1) on Saturday, 10th November, 1979.

Proceedings will begin with the Annual Lunch, and the programme, following the A G M, will consist of an open forum on recent social, cultural, linguistic and educational developments in Catalonia, introduced by a paper on the 'Social Structures of Contemporary Catalonia', by Dr. Salvador Giner. The meeting will close on the Saturday evening with a cocktail reception offered by the Instituto de España.

Present plans are for the afternoon's discussion to be open and informal in character, but the Committee will welcome suggestions or offers of short papers on the topics mentioned above. Such proposals should reach me by early September, in time for them to be incorporated in the programme to be circulated in October.

Members will be aware that these arrangements represent a departure from the established pattern of the Society's recent meetings. (It is expected that we shall revert to the three-day residential form for the 1980 conference, at a university centre yet to be decided.) The Committee hopes that the XXV conference, against the background of current changes in Spain, will be seen as an appropriate occasion for tentative innovation which will be welcomed by members. The Director of the Instituto de España has been most helpful in discussions with your Secretary and Treasurer for planning the London meeting and generous in offering us both a venue and hospitality. We trust that this initial contact may lead to the growth of cordial, cooperative and mutually respectful relations between our two organizations.

The Society has already established contact with the Institut de Projecció Exterior de la Cultura Catalana (I P E C C) and further information has been received about their activities and future plans. Details can be sent to members on request to me.

Yours sincerely,

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