

THE ANGLO-CATALAN SOCIETY

Secretary's Report 1981-82

This year I am enclosing a written version of the Secretary's report with the second circular for the conference, rather than delivering it orally at the meeting so as to be written up later in the minutes. I hope in this way to make the information more promptly available to members who cannot be present at the conference.

Correspondence:

I have received information regularly from *Omnium Cultural*, and have sent a package of information about the Society for their renewed register of 'entitats i grups representatius... a l'exterior'.

The *Fundació Congrés de Cultura Catalana* has written with information about the proposed II *Congrés Internacional de la Llengua Catalana*. We have been asked if the Society is willing, with many other bodies, to take part in the *Commissió Promotora* of this Congress. The II *Congrés* echoes the famous *Congrés* of 1906, but is planned to concentrate on sociolinguistic and language-planning topics. No date has yet been proposed for the congress.

The *Institut de Projecció Exterior de la Cultura Catalana (IPECC)* wishes to draw our members' attention to a programme on Monday evenings on *Ràdio Barcelona* dedicated to Catalans living abroad. Those who would like to take part are asked to send name, telephone number, and a brief 'curriculum personal' to Xavier Tudela, IPECC, *Passeig de St Joan, 98, 6è, BARCELONA - 9*.

I wrote on behalf of the Society expressing our sorrow at the death of Manuel Sanchis Guarner last December, and received a grateful reply from his son. I also wrote expressing our support for the 'acte d'homenatge' for Francesc de B. Moll in January, and received a reply from him expressing thanks.

Information, and in some cases copies of publications, are received from: *Generalitat-Institut de Sociolingüística Catalana*, "*Les Quatre Barres*" (Stockholm), "*Nostra Veü*" (*Butlletí del Casal Català de Costa Rica*), *Amics de Joan Ballester i Canals*, *Associació de Joves Escriptors en Llengua Catalana*, *Unió per la Regió Catalana (Perpinyà)*, *Agrupació Nacionalista Catalana a la G.B.*, *North American Catalan Society*.

The Anglo-Catalan Society Scholarship:

The Committee agreed at its meeting in January that, to attract suitable applicants, the Scholarship should be opened to researchers outside the literary-philological field, and that the sum offered should be increased to £350. The 1982 Scholarship was advertised in the Catalan press and in academic institutions of the *Països Catalans*. Eight applications were received, generally of a high standard. The Committee agreed unanimously that the Scholarship should be awarded to Jesús Mestre Campi, of Barcelona, to enable him to consult consular documents in the Public Record Office in London, in connection with research on the urban history of Barcelona.

N.A.C.S. III Conference, Toronto, 15-17 April, 1982:

As a representative of the Anglo-Catalan Society I attended this very successful conference held at the University of Toronto, Canada. Some 70 papers were given—in multiple parallel sessions, so I was only able to attend a few, though these were of a high standard. The sessions ranged over medieval and modern literature, language, history, art, Catalan-Jewish cultural relations, urban anthropology, Catalan-Castilian cultural relations, Catalans overseas, etc. There was an interesting 'round table' on Literature of the 1970's, in which eight young writers from the *Països Catalans* took

part. The international flavour was accentuated by the presence of many speakers from outside North America; there were several from the Països Catalans, and four from the U.K. The academic atmosphere was varied by other events --receptions, art exhibition, concerts, and so on. The papers of the conference are to be published, as previously, by the Abadia de Montserrat.

Help from the Generalitat:

In Barcelona, I discussed with Eudald Solà of the Departament de Cultura of the Generalitat various ways in which the Generalitat might support and assist the study of Catalan culture abroad. These included financial support for guest speakers from Catalonia, supplies of books and other material, summer courses for students of Catalan, etc. Sr Solà is to speak at our conference in November, and will doubtless develop some of these ideas.

Other points:

Alan Yates's paper 'L'ensenyament del català a les universitats de la Gran Bretanya i Irlanda' has been published in the Actes del 1er Simposium sobre l'ensenyament del català a no-catalano-parlants, Vic, 1982, 594-598. An expanded version, by A. Yates and M. Wheeler, is to appear shortly in Estudis de Llengua i Literatura Catalanes.

A Col.loqui Internacional sobre el Modernisme will take place from 16-18 December, 1982 at the Institut Français, Moià, 8, BARCELONA - 6. Among others, Alan Yates and Joan-Lluís Marfany will be speaking. Further information is available from the Institut.

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