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Dear Russell-Jebbett

Thanks very
much for your letter. You are quite
right that time is short for the
Catalan conference, but this term
here has been exhausting with
little time for writing & even for
thinking.

Fortunately we have the persons
for the papers so the programme is
practically at hand. The date is the

main question. Lectures start here
on April 2^{1st}, but full term begins
the previous week. So April 2-3 seems
a suitable date, although I suppose
the weekend 16-17 could be arranged
in most cases. This leaves us with
a little more time & may be
better.

As for papers, we have:

- 1) Four paper on xipella
- 2) J. W. Ribbans: British Travellers
in Catalonia
- 3) John Elliott: Olivares & the Catalans
(Fellow, Trinity College, Cambridge)

Pring-Mill most likely will accept
to read something on his researches
on Ramon Lull

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The three Catalan lecturers in the Northern Universities may have something to offer. They are: J. Perez Ballestar (Glasgow), Ramón Jubera (Liverpool), J. Giralt i Raventós (Newcastle)

If there is any gap I am prepared to step forward from the reserve & fill it, with a paper on "The Catalan liberal exiles in Britain (1823-33) & the origins of the Renaixença".

But we need not have an over-charged programme. Besides it would be nice to ask Profs. Frank Pierce & Peter Russell to speak at the closing & opening sessions. I am writing

to Prof. Peter Russell.

Those attending the Conference may arrive on Friday evening. Two sessions may be held on Saturday morning & afternoon, followed by a dinner. Would it be too much another session on Sunday morning?

I am sending you a parcel with copies of a paper on a Scholarship for Catalan studies offered by some friends of the Institut d'Estudis Catalans. They left blank the space for the address to where applications may be sent, leaving the matter for us to decide.

I think the Anglo-Catalan Cultural Group is the appropriate body to deal with the matter.

They printed this paper in Barcelona without consulting any one in this country, so that it sounds somewhat Catalan English. I do not know whether you may consider circulating this sheet to our members & heads of Departments just as it is or may think more advisable to revise it. But, here again time is a factor.

I am also sending the

"Cartell de Premis" of the I. d'E. P.
As you will see not all competitions have to be sent in by April 23rd, 1955, so members & Hs. of Dept. could be informed of prizes for the following years.

I am mentioning your name to the organisers of the "I. Congrès International de Langue et Littérature du Midi de la France" (Avinyó 7-11 Sept. 1955). It will be devoted to Provençal (or rather Occitan) language & literature, medieval & modern. I hope to attend the Congress.

With best regards

Batistain Foca