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Dear *Dr Yates,*

I enclose a copy of a circular that I am currently sending out to Heads of Spanish Departments. As you will see, my questions are directed to them at their local and departmental level. But I also point out that I shall be contacting officers of Spanish organizations at the national level, too, and I wonder whether you would care to make a return on behalf of

.....*The Anglo-Catalan Society*.....

I should be especially interested to know:

1. the criteria for membership (university? national? annual subscription rate?)
2. the approximate current membership.
3. Principal officers.
4. Address for correspondence.
5. Spanish (sic) activities during the session 1976-77.
6. Anything else that you think should be mentioned. ✓H Spring

I expect the total entry to be not more than ten lines: purely bare bones stuff.

*With best wishes.*

*Copy of press  
for Society records  
Genie Colon tour*

*Yours sincerely,*

*A. Ainslie*

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Dear

I have been asked by the AEPE (Asociación Europea de Profesores de Español) to let them have information about current Spanish activities in this country ('publicaciones', 'reuniones', 'proyectos', 'evolución de la enseñanza del español', etc.) I have tried to break the requests down into certain basic elements to which specific answers can be given and I attach a list that I hope you will feel able to answer on behalf of your own Department (together with any supplementary information that you can supply).

I am frankly reluctant to approach you about this at such a busy time of year, but I think it is probably a worthwhile exercise in view of the high standing of British Hispanism abroad. Moreover, since the AEPE's declared aim is to publish the results of their survey, it occurs to me that, at a time of increasing economies and increasing pressures on Spanish in this country, their report might conceivably help to strengthen our position within our own national context.

In order to facilitate replies I have drawn up my request in the form of a questionnaire (enclosed in duplicate in case you wish to keep a copy), but supplementary sheets may be added as required.

I hope you will be able to let me have an early answer. I plan to draw up my own composite reply in about three weeks from now, but could delay reply a little longer if any colleague wrote to ask for more time. Though I ask for information by Departments, I shall of course not present it to the AEPE by Departments, but as a general panorama of British Hispanism probably under the headings indicated (with Departmental indications in specific cases).

Thank you in advance for any help you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

H. Ramsden



AEPE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. I am writing to officers of our Hispanists' Association, the Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the Iberian Social Studies Association, the Instituto de España, Canning House and the Anglo-Catalan Society for information about SPANISH ACTIVITIES AT A NATIONAL LEVEL. My present request is for information at the LOCAL ~~—AND ESPECIALLY DEPARTMENTAL—~~ LEVEL, except that I should be pleased to know:

(i) if I have omitted any notable body from the above list:

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(ii) whether you have any observations on the special value ~~—or other-~~wise of any of the above:

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(iii) whether you can supply any information about visiting lecturers this session from other countries (A note from tour organisers would be helpful):

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(iv) whether there is any notable national event to which I should refer (e.g. the Royal Academy Exhibition of Spanish Painting):

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2. BOOK PUBLICATIONS (since the beginning of 1974, including books currently at press; please indicate publisher, place, date, number of pages and current [or expected] price):

(i) by members of your Department

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(ii) in any Spanish series edited by you or a member of your Department

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3. LOCAL SPANISH ACTIVITIES THIS SESSION (e.g. of local branches of the Association of Teachers of Spanish [and Portuguese])

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4. DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES THIS SESSION (e.g. play productions, Spanish evenings, etc.; please enclose a programme if available)

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5. ANY RECENT NOTABLE PROJECTS OF THE PALSPAN TYPE (i.e. developments in Spanish teaching materials or methods).

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