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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in London on 15th January, 1982.

1. 1982 Conference. To be held at Instituto de España as agreed at A.G.M. It was reported that Dr Badia was coming to London anyway in mid-November, that Max Cahner had expressed an intention to come, bringing Joan Fuster with him. We had already provisionally agreed to invite Eudald Solà, from the Conselleria de Cultura of the Generalitat. It seemed best to make the most of the presence of all of these, and run a longer conference, from Friday evening (19.11) to Saturday evening (20.11). Outline programme: evening session (6.30 p.m.?) on Friday, followed by dinner for Committee, guests, and other members who wished to attend (8.00 p.m.). Saturday: 9.30-10.30 discussion with Cahner and Solà to promote Catalan Studies Centre plan. 10.30-12.00 Papers. Lunch 12.30 at Dulcinea Restaurant. AGM 2.30-4.00. Tea. 4.30-6.00 Papers. Sherry. Theme of the meeting: "Catalan Culture Today".
1983 Conference (Nottingham). Encourage British speakers to give papers.
2. Centre for Catalan Studies. Discussion of where such a centre should be situated, and what it should try to do initially. Agreed to pursue the idea of obtaining a room in the Banca Catalana, London, with the hope of setting up an archive/library and secretariat of some kind. S. Giner would pursue this with Mr Jean-Mairet of Banca Catalana in London; other members of the committee would follow up their contacts with the Banca, and the Generalitat, in Barcelona.
3. A.C.S. Scholarship. The amendment referring to the topic of research was approved: the scholarship is now open for research on any topic (but preferably an Anglo-Catalan one). The sum offered to be £350.
4. Jocs Florals prize. S. Giner would enquire of J. Castellet about the possibility of offering a prize for the Nit de Santa Llúcia. Otherwise we would recommend to the next AGM transferring the money offered to the scholarship.
5. Homage vol. to Batista. It was agreed not to pursue this any further.
6. ACSOP. A. Yates would seek a printer for No. 2 (and subsequent vols) via J. Gili. The offer, by D. Keown & J. Owen, of some translations of Salvat-Papasseit, with introduction, was accepted for inclusion in the series. It would be a parallel text version. MWW, with P. Rasico, would promote sales of ACSOP 1 at the NACS Col.loqui in Toronto.

I have written expressing our support for the Homenatge to F. de B. Moll, and expressing our sorrow at the death of M. Sancis Guarner.

I enclose a copy of SG's letter reporting progress on the Catalan Studies Centre project.

All best wishes,

Max