

Anglo-Catalan Society: First Conference, Oxford. 16th - 17th April, 1955.

(Circular 1.) from P. Russell-Gebbett, The University, Nottingham.

A first Conference of the Anglo-Catalan Society will be held in Oxford during the week-end 16th - 17th April. It is hoped that the majority of those members and intending-members who are able to attend may arrive in Oxford on the night of Friday 15th April, so that a full day's programme may be got through on the following day. It is felt that the Conference should not be overloaded with the reading of papers and that ample time should be allowed for the establishing and the maintenance of personal contacts between those interested in the various aspects of Catalan culture; the final programme will, then, be drawn up with a view to maintaining a balance between the formal and informal aspects of the Conference.

The Conference will close after lunch on Sunday, 17th April.

The following papers have already been promised:

"The Catalan liberal exiles in Britain (1823 - '33), and the origins of the Renaixença", Dr. J.M. Batista i Roca (Cambridge).

"Olivares and the Catalans", John Elliott (Cambridge).

"British travellers in Catalonia", Geoffrey Ribbans (Sheffield).

"The xipella subdialect of Eastern Catalan", Paul Russell-Gebbett (Nottingham).

Apart from the above, the following have already signified their intention to attend this Conference:

Sr. Joan Gili, Mrs. Helen Grant (Cambridge), Prof. Frank Pierce (Sheffield), Robert Iring-Mill (Oxford), Dr. and Mrs. J. Street (Cambridge), Prof. J.B. Trend (Cambridge), Prof. J. Trueta (Oxford).

Accommodation It will be of great assistance to the organizers if those intending to take part in this first Conference will complete the slip below as soon as possible and return it to me. Efforts are now being made to block-book accommodation for delegates, and further details will be circulated as soon as possible to those who shall have signified their intention to be present.

Intending-members Those who are not as yet members of the Society, but who wish to attend the Conference, will be welcomed; they may pay their subscription to me upon acceptance of this invitation, or may pay it to the Hon. Treasurer (G.W. Ribbans, Sheffield) upon arrival at the Conference. The subscription is 10/-, payable annually on October 1st.

Members will find enclosed a copy of a notice of a Scholarship in Catalonia. It is requested that any nominations for this Scholarship be sent in the first instance to Dr. J.M. Batista i Roca, 49 Wentworth Road, London N.W.11.

## SCHOLARSHIP IN CATALONIA

1. A scholarship will be awarded to a graduate or undergraduate of a University of Great Britain or Ireland wishing to carry out the research work for her thesis in Catalonia.
2. The subject of the thesis must be a piece of research in History, Law, Literature, Art, Archaeology, Geography or Natural Sciences concern directly connected with, the Catalan-speaking countries.
3. The total amount of the scholarship is 12.000 (twelve thousand) pesetas six monthly payments of 2.000 pesetas each.
4. It is assumed that the holder of the scholarship undertakes to reside in Catalonia for an uninterrupted period of six months and to do no work other than the thesis without authorization.
5. The holder of the scholarship will be assigned a Catalan advisor who will be periodically informed by the student as to the progress of the work. If the conditions of the award were not fulfilled by the scholar, the scholarship might be withdrawn on presentation of a report by the advisor.
6. The applicant must
  - (a) be a graduate or undergraduate of a University of Great Britain or Ireland in any Faculty or Institution of Higher Education.
  - (b) have sufficient knowledge of the Catalan Language to enable him to use of bibliographies and to do research in the Archives, and to carry out enquiries which the progress of the thesis may require.
7. Applications must include:
  - (a) the name and address of the applicant, age and birth place, University or other Institution, the subject of the thesis and the exact date, after which and before December 31st, 1955, on which the applicant can be at the proposed address in Catalonia in order to start the six-month period of the scholarship.
  - (b) an account of his or her career since leaving school, with special reference to any prizes, honours or distinctions obtained and to the degree of knowledge of the languages studied
  - (c) a letter of recommendation from the professor under whose direction the thesis is being done, with an estimate of the applicant's aptitudes.
8. All applications must be received on or before 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1955, by

February, 1955.