**Lancaster Conference News**

We are now able to confirm dates for the forthcoming conference, to be held at the University of Lancaster: 17th-19th November, 2006. We have invited Mercè Ibarz to deliver the ninth Joan Gili Memorial lecture, and there will be a special session of five papers on Josep Pla on Sunday 19th. The approximate cost of the conference is to be £65, and details of accommodation options will be posted on the ACS website. The nearest hotel to the university campus is the Lancaster House Hotel, Green Lane, Ellel, Lancaster, Lancashire LA1 4GJ. Tel: 0870 418 8150. Email: lancaster@elhmail.co.uk

**Website**

www.elh.co.uk/hotels/lancs (If dialling from outside the UK, tel: +44 1524 844822; fax: +44 1524 844766)

Dr Kathryn Crameri has also pre-booked some student accommodation on campus for students and lectors.

**Call for Papers**

You are invited to offer a paper at the Lancaster conference on ANY ASPECT of Catalan culture. Please send your title and a 100-word abstract by 30th June 2006. For further information and proposals please contact the Society Secretary: Dr Helena Buffery, The Department of Hispanic Studies, The University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, United Kingdom. email: H.B.BUFFERY@bham.ac.uk

**ACSOP**

It is our pleasure to enclose the seventh Joan Gili Memorial lecture, given by Joan-Francesc Mira at the conference in Eton 2004. We are also able to provide news of the latest developments in the ACSOP series. We now have a publisher for future volumes at Fiveleaves Press. This year, two volumes will be published: Joan Fuster’s Diccionari per a ociosos and a volume of Catalan plays by women. We also have an anthology of contemporary Catalan short stories in preparation, with an introduction by Montserrat Lunati. All three volumes will be published on line, too. Please do visit the publications website at www.anglo-catalan.org. You will find information on how to sponsor the site.

**London Catalan Centre**

Many of you will have already received news of the creation of a Centre for research in Catalan Studies at Queen Mary, University of London, funded by the Institut Ramon Llull. I have attached details of activities and conferences to be held there this year.

**CEO (London)**

Josep-Lluís González will give a talk on the Anglo-Catalan Society at the April meeting of the CEO, on 16th March.

**Minutes of AGM**

I have attached minutes of the AGM held at Cambridge in November 2005. As we did not have time to get through the printed agenda in the correct order, I have reorganized the minutes to include business covered in the Chair’s communications under separate headings.

**Treasurer**

Kathryn Crameri will be leaving the committee this year to take up a post at the University of Sydney. Whilst we congratulate her on her new appointment, this means that we will have to make interim arrangements to cover the post of treasurer. Richard Mansell has offered to be acting treasurer from June, and I will take charge of subscriptions and conference registration until we can hold proper elections at the next AGM. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Yours,

Dr Helena Buffery
Honorary Secretary of the Anglo-Catalan Society