

## Research Committee Report June 2017

The President and recently appointed Chair of the AILC/ICLA Research Committee are presently consulting about the members for the period up to the 2019 Shenzhen Congress. As soon as possible the new composition of the membership will be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee.

According to the Statutes of the ICLA, the Research Committee “aims to examine proposals for research projects under the aegis of the ICLA, monitors activity of existing research projects sponsored or recognized by the Association, and investigates ways to stimulate and support research efforts of special relevance to the work of the Association.” Scholars who want to submit proposals for new committees under the aegis of the AILC/ICLA should send to the Chair of the Research Committee a document including:

A short description of the proposed project, with a clear statement of the problem to be investigated (500 words maximum).

A more detailed description of the project field, including sections on overview of the project field, project rationale, objectives and plan/timeline for implementation (2000 words maximum).

Team composition, including short biographic profiles (200 words per bio).

Information regarding the links of the project with both local and international institutions. Information regarding research and teaching outcomes of the project.

Information regarding a plan of activities (a detailed schedule of planned activities for the next 3 seminars, workshops, etc.) and publications.

Information regarding measures to make the project visible (media dissemination, public outreach).

Since the closing of the Vienna Congress, in 2016, The Research Committee received no new proposals answering to the guidelines just listed.

As for ongoing committees, annual reports on the status of the project, including undertaken activities, publications and information on dissemination, should be submitted to the Executive Council’s representative before its annual meeting. Presumably, as per the guidelines listed, the relevant committees have sent such reports directly to one of the two AILC/ICLA Secretaries for presentation to the Executive Committee. This would concern the following such committees, listed as per the report published in the 2016 *Recherche littéraire/Literary Research* by the previous Research Committee’s Chair, César Domínguez: “Scriptural Reasoning and Comparative Studies” (2011), “Literature and Neuroscience” (2011), “Literary and Cultural Inter-relationships between India, Its Neighbouring Countries and the World” (2011), “Literary and Cultural History of the Dream” (2013), “Religion, Ethics, and Literature” (2014), and “Comics Studies and Graphic Narrative” (2015).

As per Executive Committee decision at Vienna 2016, the Research Committee on “Literary and Cultural Interrelationships between India, its Neighboring Countries, and the World,” which at the Vienna Congress had just completed its second three-year term, was reconstituted as the Standing Research Committee on South Asian Literatures and Cultures,” co-chaired by Chandra Mohan and E.V. Ramakrishnan. Hence, it no longer falls under the authority of the Standing Research Committee.

Respectfully submitted, 23.06.2017

Theo D’haen, Chair