

Research Committee Report June 2018

Since the ICLA Board meeting of 2017 the composition of the AILC/ICLA Research Committee is as follows:

New Members, start 2016 until 2019, once renewable

Theo D'haen (Leuven – Chair)

May Hawas (AUC)

Zhang Hui (Peking)

Vladimir Biti (Vienna)

José Luís Jobím (Rio de Janeiro)

Marko Juvan (Ljubljana)

Paulo Horta (NYUAD)

Members continued for second term, rotate off 2019

Sibylle Baumbach (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz) - starts second term

Mads Rosendhal Thomsen (Aarhus Universitet) - starts second term

Hein Viljoen (Noordwes-Universiteit) - starts second term

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 2017 AILC/ICLA Board meeting the Research Committee received two new proposals answering to the guidelines just listed. Massimo Fusillo proposes a research committee on LITERATURE, ARTS, MEDIA. Achim Hoelter proposes a research committee on LITERARY HISTORY. Both proposals were sent round to the Research Committee members, who by majority (not all returned a verdict within the response time set) approved that I submit the said proposals to the AILC/ICLA Board, which I herewith do in attachment to the mail that also encloses the present report.

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 empowered representative, the designated AILC/ICLA Secretary. As per earlier reports this includes the following committees: "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).

Respectfully submitted, 29.05.2018

Theo D'haen, Chair