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Research Committee

ICLA Executive Council

Report 2014

Let me take this opportunity to officially apologize for not being able to attend the Executive Council meeting on September 3-4, 2014, in Beijing. As I explained to Hans Bertens by email, I organize on September 2-4, 2014, the 20th Conference of the Spanish Comparative Literature Association, of which I am Vice-President.

The Research Committee I chair is formed by Zhao Baisheng (Peking University), Sibylle Baumbach (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz), Montserrat Cots (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Bala Venkat Mani (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Mariano Siskind (Harvard University), Jola Škulj (Inštitut za slovensko literaturo in literarne vede), Mads Rosendhal Thomsen (Aarhus Universitet), and Hein Viljoen (Noordwes-Universiteit).

The Research Committee has approved the following application for a new committee submitted during 2014: Religion, Ethics, and Literature. The proposal was submitted by Professor Dorothy Figueira on June 26, 2014, and the approval letter was sent on July 23, 2014.

As for the procedure problems experienced during 2012, after decisions adopted in the last Executive Council meeting, which were communicated to me by Steven Sondrup in an email dated November 2, 2012, all these problems have been solved.

Last but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that either an independent website (as in the case of the Coordinating Committee) or, preferably, a new page within the ICLA website, be specifically created for the Research Committee, so information on its activities may be available online. I would also like the Executive Council to consider the possibility of the Research Committee's having a more proactive strategy, so its activities do not restrict to assess only proposals but promote further research collaboration worldwide.

I wish you a most pleasant stay and productive meeting in Beijing.

Respectfully submitted,

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