

RESEARCH COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPORT 2015

May 20th, 2015

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 2015: Comics Studies and Graphic Narrative. The proposal was submitted by Kai Mikkonen (Senior Lecturer of Comparative Literature, University of Helsinki) on April 7, 2015, and the approval letter was sent on April 23, 2015.

Let once again 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.

Look forward to seeing you in Lisbon.

Respectfully submitted,

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