

Report of the Anna Balakian Prize Committee

As the members are aware, the AILC/ ICLA awards a prize in the name of Anna Balakian for an exceptional first monograph in the field of comparative literary studies written by a single author who is below the age of forty. The next Anna Balakian Prize will be presented at the forthcoming Triennial Congress of the ICLA to be held in Tblisi, Georgia during 25-30 July, 2022.

For the period, 2019 to 2022, Prof. E.V.Ramakrishnan, Vice-President, ICLA, has been made the chair of the jury. Two distinguished scholars of Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, have been named members of the jury. They are as follows:

1. Prof. Lawrence Wang-chi, Member

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Prof. Lawrence Wang-chi is Chair and Professor of Humanities, Department of Translation, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also concurrently the Director of the Research Centre for Translation. He is the Executive Director of *Renditions*, and the chief editor of *Journal for Translation Studies* and *Studies in Translation History*.

2. Prof. Mads Rosendahl Thomsen, Member

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Mads Rosendahl Thomsen is Professor of Comparative Literature at Aarhus University, Denmark. He is the author of *Mapping World Literature* (2008), *The New Human in Literature* (2013), a co-author with Stephan Helgesson of *Literature and the World* (2019) and the editor of several books including *World Literature: A Reader* (2012), and *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Posthumanism* (2020). Thomsen is a member of the Executive Council of ICLA.

As the chair of the Committee, I have widely publicised the information regarding the prize through journals of comparative

literature and the ICLA website. The members of the Executive Council are requested to bring the news of the Anna Balakian Prize to the notice of research scholars and academics engaged in the pursuit of Comparative Studies in Literature.

Please note that books/monographs published **between January, 2019 and December, 2021** will be eligible for the 2022 Prize. The last date for receiving the entries will be **31 January, 2022. Interested candidates are requested to send an email to the Chair of the Jury before despatching the book/monograph.** The Prize will be announced by the first week of May, 2022. All details of the Prize have been publicized in the website of the AILC/ICLA during the last two issues.

A few enquiries have reached me regarding submission of the monographs for the prize. There is need to publicize the prize further to receive more entries. In the coming months all attempts will be made to give wide publicity to this prestigious award.

E.V.Ramakrishnan,
Chair,
The Anna Balakian Prize Committee.

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