

Report of the Nominating Committee

In accordance with the vision for the development of the Association put forward by the Presidency for the 2019-2022 triennium, the Nominating Committee has been constituted so as to reflect legacy and transformation. It is therefore composed of a mix of scholars with a strong involvement in ICLA activities and governance and comparatists with a relevant stake in the field but with lesser participation in the Association. It is our intent to be able to muster legacy and innovation in the new nominations, while being aware of the transformations in the field and the need for a wider representation of the changing demographics and diversity of scholars in Comparative Literature.

The Committee is made up of the following members:

Chair: Isabel Capeloa Gil – UCP (Portugal)

Members: Paulo de Medeiros – U. Warwick (UK)

Lieven D’Hulst – KU Leuven (Belgium)

Osama Madany – Menoufia University (Egypt)

The President of the ICLA *ex officio*

1 . ACTIVITIES 2020-2021

The NC laid out a timeline of activities that began with a general consultation of ICLA members in view of a necessary revision of the committee’s By-Laws so as to ensure a transparent and compliant officer nomination procedure.

As such, the committee concluded in February 2021 a revision of its By-Laws, submitted to the EC for approval during the month of March.

During that same month, the NC issued an open call for nominations, published in the March 2021 Newsletter, and received 15 nominations from individual members and three national associations. In addition, EC members and other officers serving in ICLA bodies have been invited to submit or suggest names for the new triennium.

2. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

The committee is now reviewing the pool of suggested nominees, and analysing them to guarantee international representation and scholarly relevance to the field. The NC is committed to ensure that the list to be submitted to the EC reflects the transformation of the field of Comparative Literature, that it allows for the participation of underrepresented groups, new demographics and upholds geographical diversity and gender equity.

Upon approval of the initial list, contacts shall be undertaken with nominees to ascertain that their membership is in good standing as well as to guarantee their willingness to serve.

Respectfully submitted

Isabel Capeloa Gil

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