

Report
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STATUS OF PROJECTS

Published volumes:

Of the projects under way at the ICLA, Utrecht, 2017, the following have been completed and published:

Renaissance II: La nouvelle culture: 1480-1520

Directors: Eva Kushner (eva.kushner@utoronto.ca). This volume completes this literary history.

Nordic Literatures: A Comparative History of Nordic Literary Cultures, Vol. 1: Spatial Nodes

Directors: Steven P. Sondrup (steven.sondrup@gmail.com, sondrup@comcast.net, or sondrup@byu.edu) and Mark Sandberg (sandberg@berkeley.edu).

In Process

We expect two manuscripts to be handed in this year,

Nordic Literatures: A Comparative History of Nordic Literary Cultures, Vol. 2

Directors: Steven P. Sondrup and Mark Sandberg

***Transculture and Migration.* Eds. Fridrun Rinner, Franca Sinopoli, Helga Mitterbauer.**

New Projects

At the business meeting this year, two new projects were accepted:

- Massimo Fusillo and Helga Mitterbauer: *A Comparative Intermedial History of Literature in the Baroque Age*
- Dirk van Hulle: *Towards a Comparative History of Literary Writing Processes*

Business meeting 2018

Business meeting was kindly hosted by University of Antwerp, Arr. by Vivian Liska, Dirk van Hulle and Jan Morrens.

In association with the business meeting, a symposium was held with the title of *Period Shapers in Literary History*

Planned issue in the journal *Arcadia*: six articles about *Global Perspectives on Comparative Histories on Literatures in European Languages* is under preparation. This issue is partly based on presentations at the **50th Anniversary of CHLEL** symposium: *Global Perspectives on the Past and Future in Comparative Histories on Literatures in European Languages*, Expected date of publication: fall 2018.

Grants

The General Assembly of UAI (Union académique internationale) decided on December 1, 2015 to award a grant of 1.500 euros for the year 2016 and 1.500 Euros for the year 2017. We will apply again this year.

Economic request to ICLA

ICLA has previously supported all necessary language revisions of volumes published via CHLEL with an amount of 2000 Euro per volume.

This year we kindly ask for the support of 2000 Euro for the project of *Medieval literature*, ed. by Francesco Stella.

Meeting and Symposium in CHLEL, 2019, We hope to have the meeting in conjunction with the Conference of ICLA that we expect will take place in China.

Election 2018-19: The current committee only stands until New Year 2018/19. We have revised election guidelines that have been sent to President Zhang Longxi in May 2018. According to the guidelines, election will be taken care of by a Comité de tri, and will be terminated before December 1st. The acceptance of election by ICLA president and board will be done electronically before January 1st. We hope for a smooth collaboration on elections.

Report of CHLEL respectfully submitted by Karen-Margrethe Simonsen