

1. Annual Workshop (2014)

The 2014 workshop was held at the University of Osaka, Japan on 7-8 April 2014. At the meeting, fifteen papers were given - ten by members of the committee, one by a former member, one by an eminent local colleague and three by nominated candidates. The theme of the conference was *Literature and Policing*: how ‘policing’, however interpreted, impacts on literature, how literature participates in policing and the consequent implications for literary theory. Over the course of the two days, a wide range of approaches to the topic were presented, which were theoretical as well as historical and above all, cross-cultural.

2. Future Meeting: Pécs, Hungary (21-23 May 2015)

Following decisions reached at the business meeting in Osaka, the 2015 workshop will be held in Pécs, Hungary. Peter Hadju will be host and the topic will be on ‘Realities of Fiction’. The detailed schedule will be finalized in the next couple of months when the result of local funding application will be given. The Committee will also hold its annual business meeting in Pécs.

3. Publications

Papers from the 2013 Paris Meeting ‘The Art of Not Thinking’ has been published as a special issue, titled *Beside Thinking*, by the international comparative literature journal, *The Canadian Review of Comparative Literature* (March 2014). Six papers from the Paris meeting and a forum essay by Terry Eagleton comprise this 40th anniversary issue of *CRCL*. The papers were edited by Sowon S Park who also wrote the introduction. The issue is available on Project Muse.

Papers from the 2011 Munich workshop, “Literary Theory and the Sciences,” will be published by the journal *Neohelicon* this month.

Papers from the 2014 workshop will be edited by Takayuki Yokota-Murakami and published as a book. He is in the process of negotiating with publishers.

4. New President

John Zilcosky’s first term ended this year. He decided not to stand for second term. Sowon S Park was nominated and elected to replace him for a three-year term.

5. New Members

Three nominees gave their papers in Osaka. Based on their presentations, the following two were elected to membership:

Kyohei Norimatsu (Doshisha Univ), nominated by Takayuki Yokota-Murakami.
Matthew Reynolds (University of Oxford) nominated by Sowon S Park.

6. Nominees

The following four colleagues have been nominated for membership on the Committee. Their CVs have been circulated and all will be invited to present papers in Pécs where the committee will discuss and vote on their candidacy:

Rahilya Geybullayeva (Baku Slavic University) nominated by Takayuki Yokota-Murakami.

Jernej Habjan (Institute of Slovenian Literature and Literary Studies) nominated by Marko Juvan.

Hitoshi Oshima (Fukuoka University) nominated by Sowon S Park.

Zoltán Z. Varga (Research Centre for Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences) nominated by Peter Hadju.

The following candidates were already nominated and invited and their membership will be put to the vote in 2015

Theo D'haen (Leuven)

Robert Young (NYU)

Eva Horn (National Academy of Sciences, Wien)

Monika Schmitz-Emans (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Membership of the Committee (as of May 2014):

President: Sowon S Park (UK) (first term: 2014-2017)

Secretary: Walid Hamarneh (USA) (first term: 2012-2015)

Regular Members:

Michel Chaouli, USA

Yvonne H. Howell, USA

Françoise Lavocat, France

Kyohei Norimatsu, Japan

Matthew Reynolds, UK

Stefan Willer, Germany

Honorary Presidents:

Elrud Ibsch, The Netherlands

Ziva Ben-Porat, Israel

Djelal Kadir, USA

Vladimir Biti, Austria

Galin Tihanov, Great Britain

Robert Stockhammer, Germany

John Zilcosky, Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Sowon S Park (President)

Oxford, 25 May 2014

Encl.:

- 1) detailed schedule of the 2014 workshop

Program of ICLA Meeting in Osaka Apr 6-8, 2014

Saturday Apr 5 :Dinner: 19:00

Sunday Apr 6: Excursion to Yoshino

Monday Apr 7:

Session One: 9:00-10:45

Welcoming Remarks

(Chair John Zilcosky)

Vladimir Biti

After Theory: Politics against the Police?

Peter Hajdu

Forbiddance, Punishment and Reward in Literary Theory

Coffee break: 10:45-11:15

Session Two: 11:15-12:45

(Chair Takayuki Yokota-Murakami)

Hitoshi Oshima

Kim Saryan Facing Double Policing Criticism

Sowon S. Park

'Dear Leader, Big Brother and Escape from Camp 14'

Lunch: 12:45-14:00

Session Three: 14:00-16:15

(Chair Walid Hamaneh)

Marko Juvan

Does Literary Studies Pose a Threat to the System? The Charisma of Theory under Communism (and What Is Left of It under Neo-Liberalism)

Yvonne Howell

Policing Literature about Policing Science: Inverting the Aim of Socialist Realism

Kyohei Norimatsu

Policing and Liberating Semiotic Systems: Yuri Lotman's Notion of "Life-Construction"

Coffee Break: 16:15-16:45

Session Four: 16:45-18:15

(Chair Vladimir Biti)

John Zilcosky

Kafka and the Police State

Stefan Willer

Who Polices Whom in Interdisciplinary Cooperations?

Dinner: 19:00 (on campus)

Tuesday Apr 8 :**Session Seven: 9:00-10:30**

(Chair Stefan Willer)

Walid Hamarneh

Self-Censorship as a Literary Convention

Charles Lock

Literary Theory as Policing

Coffee break: 10:30-11:00**Session Eight: 11:00-12:30**

(Chair Yvonne Howell)

Takayuki Yokota-Murakami

Literary Terrorist Theories: Policing as a Form of Epistemology

Calin-Andrei Mihailescu

Le cercle carré

Lunch: 12:30-13:45**Session Six: 13:45-15:30**

(Chairs Hitoshi Oshima/Sowon Park)

Francoise Lavocat

Literary Theorists as Serial Killers: About the Necessity of Policing Literary theory?

Matthew Reynolds

Free Translation!

Concluding remarks

Coffee break: 15:30-16:00**Business meeting: 16:00-17:30****Dinner: 19:00 (at a restaurant nearby)**