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1. IASIL JAPAN 2012 Conference

As has been announced IASIL Japan 2012 Conference will meet on Oct. 6 (Sat.) & Oct 7(Sun) at Meiji University, Surugadai Campus. Please find the program and resumes in the envelope. One of the guest speakers has been changed from Dr. Irene de Angelis to Dr. Wolfgang Zach, whose background introduction is as follows:

Chair of English Language and Literature at the University of Innsbruck since 1994. Former Vice-President of the International Association for the Study of Anglo-Irish Literature and of the European Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies. Dr. Zach's research interests comprise Shakespeare, 18th- and 20th-Century British Literature and Culture, Anglo-Irish Literature and Culture, New Literatures in English (esp. transcultural aspects), Literary Theory (esp. metacriticism, postcolonial criticism) and National Images and Stereotypes.

Dr. Zach has been invited as Visiting Professor/Research Fellow at the University of Münster, Mansfield College Oxford, University of Trieste, National University of Singapore, University of Nigeria, Doshisha University Kyoto, University of Halle-Wittenberg, Concordia University Montreal etc. Also, he hosted several international conferences and received various awards for his scholarly work. He is a coeditor of two journals and three series of monographs.

Please find a reply postcard in the envelope and fill in. The card must reach us no later than September 22, 2012.

2. Election of New Executive Committee Members

The Ballot Counting for the Next Committee Members was conducted and observed by Ohno Mitsuko, Bev Curran, Yamada Sachiyo, Doki Kazuhiro on June 9, 2012 at

Aichi Shukutoku University, Hoshigaoka Campus. The total of 46 ballots returned and 37 were valid and 9 not valid. The high rate invalidity was caused by the confusion in sending incomplete ballot sheets first and replacement of them later, so the office deeply apologizes again for the confusion.

Newly elected Committee Members are David J. Burleigh, Beverley Curran, Kazuhiro Doki, Andrew Fitzsimons, Akiko Manabe, Seishi Matsuda, Ken'ichi Matsumura, Hiroko Mikami, Tetsuko Nakamura, Masami Nakao, Mitsuko Ohno, Yoko Sato, Masaya Shimokusu, Fuyuji Tanigawa, Nobuaki Tochigi, Masazumi Toraiwa, Naoko Toraiwa, Kumiko Yamada (Rikkyo Uni.), Hiroyuki Yamasaki.

3. 2012 Membership Fee

Please find 2012 Membership Fee remittance sheet in the envelope. If you have not paid past year membership fee, your payment record is printed below your address on the envelope. For example, if you find U2011 there, it means you have not paid your fee for the year yet, so please pay the fee along with 2012 membership fee. If you find no remittance sheet in the envelope and no record on the envelope, it means you have already paid for the year 2012 and for past two years membership fees.

If you live abroad, please transfer your membership fee to the following account. The membership fee does not include the transfer charge, so please make sure that the exact amount will reach us. Also please add the postal charge following the table below:

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IASIL Conference, Concordia University, Montreal

2012 IASIL Conference was held at Concordia University, Montreal, Canada from 30 July to 3 August. The conference theme is: Weighing Words: Interdisciplinary Engagements with and within Irish Literatures. Concordia University is situated in one of the most lively and bustling street blocks in Montreal. The delegates could enjoy cosmopolitan, modern-city atmosphere around the conference venue. The deliberate and heart-warm welcome of the organizers, Prof. Michael Kenneally, Dr. Rhona Richman Kenneally and Dr. Susan Cahill, and sincere efforts of the staff members boosted academic exchanges and solidified IASIL members' comradeship.

In the final printed version of the programme, 142 papers can be found. Joep Leerssen, Gerardine Meaney and David Lloyd delivered keynote lectures. Jane Urquhart, Kevin Barry, Leontia Flynn, Anne Enright and Claire Kilroy did author readings. In a roundtable discussion, "The Future of Irish Literary Studies," the delegates from all over the world considered the contemporary situations of Irish "literary" studies and exchanged their views and opinions.

Thanks to the organizers' deep consideration and friendship for Japanese members, the period of this conference was set at the end of July and the beginning of August. The panel organized by three delegates from the University of Kitakyushu was very conspicuous in the programme. Nevertheless, it may have been desirable, if more papers or panels by the members of Japanese branch could have been found there.

At the IASIL Executive Meeting and the Annual General Meeting, Prof. Margaret Kelleher, the President of IASIL, and top executives presented how stably IASIL was being operated, although a modest proposal on membership fee may be done the next year. The plan for the next conference was shown as follows: it will be held at Queen's University, Belfast from 22 July to 26 July 2013. The conference theme will be: Urban Cultures.

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