

Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics

Annual Report, academic year 2015/16

The Angus McIntosh Centre ('AMC') has seen no personnel changes within the reporting period. In recognition of the time limit on the tenure of members of its steering committee (typically three years), a programme of gradual renewal of the steering committee's membership has been set in train.

The AMC now has 13 Honorary Members and 86 Affiliates, with some 17 international scholars pending approval for Affiliate status. Details can be found on the AMC's web pages.

Among the AMC's activities during the academic year 2015/16 I report the following:

(1) Sponsorship provided

In December 2015 the AMC sponsored Dr Ranjan Sen (Sheffield) as plenary speaker at the Second Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology.

In June 2016 the AMC held its first Biennial Symposium on Historical Dialectology. This was attended by 65 international delegates; the programme comprised 28 papers and 5 posters. Approx. 50% of the cost was met by delegates' registration fees; AMC underwrote the balance of approx. £2000. The proceedings of the symposium are under consideration for publication. A Workshop on the AMC's historical corpora, attached to the symposium, attracted 20 international delegates.

The Angus McIntosh UG Prize, worth £100 (funded from the AMC Endowment), was awarded in June 2016 to [Meira Kalasegaran](#) for the best Honours Dissertation in Linguistics & English Language. The AMC continues to fund the McIntosh-Patterson PhD studentship, awarded in 2015 (see previous report).

(2) Research activity

The FITS and PLAEME research projects continue. FITS employs 2 full-time RAs, 1 part-time RA and provides for a full-time PhD studentship. PLAEME employs 1 part-time RA.

(3) Publicity

The new AMC website (www.amc.lel.ed.ac.uk) was developed in 2015 and continues to grow. The AMC's Facebook and Twitter accounts experience high levels of activity. Various short videos, banners and sets of bookmarks have been produced.

(4) Financial report: year to 31 July 2015

Dividend income £11,151 less costs £1,249 = £9,902 underspend. The underspend was added to the endowment capital. Costs included £724 postage wrongly charged to the AMC. This is corrected in the 2016 accounts. The endowment capital was valued at £388,550 at 31 July 2015, up £26,163 (7.2%) on the 31 July 2014 valuation of £362,387.

Professor Heinz J Giegerich, Director, 31 August 2016