

Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics

Annual Report for year to 31 July 2017

1. Changes to the Steering Committee

- *Retirals:* C. Heycock (LEL), J. Smith (Glasgow) and J. Wallenberg (Newcastle) stood down.
- *New members:* M. Alexander (Glasgow), B. Molineaux (LEL), and R. Truswell (LEL).
- *Continuing:* R. Alcorn, H. Giegerich, N. Gisborne, B. Los (LEL); R. McColl Millar (Aberdeen).
- *Changes to office bearers:* Molineaux replaced Alcorn as Secretary. (Alcorn continues as Depute Director.)

2. AMC Membership

The AMC has 13 Honorary Members (same as last year) and 127 Affiliates (84 last year). Our Affiliates represent 14 UK HEIs, 31 other European HEIs, and 24 non-European HEIs.

3. Financial report: year to 31 July 2017

Dividend income £9,350 less costs £1,066 = £8,283 underspend. The underspend was added to the endowment capital. The endowment capital, valued at £423,634 at 31 July 2016, increased by 14.4% to a value of £484,628 at 31 July 2017.

The underspend was due entirely to a PPLS decision to fund in full the current McIntosh-Patterson PhD Studentship. This was previously funded primarily by AMC dividends plus the Patterson Prize fund.

4. Student sponsorship

The £100 **Angus McIntosh UG Prize** was awarded in 06/2017 to Rose Woolhouse for the best Hons Dissertation in Linguistics & English Language. The AMC also administers the **McIntosh-Patterson PhD studentship**, awarded in 2015 to Jade Sandstedt.

The AMC administers (but doesn't fund): the **Ailie Donald MSc Scholarship** (home fees only); the **Ailie Donald Prize** (£1,000 for the best Hons student entering 3rd year of single Hons Linguistics and/or English Language); and the **Patterson Prize** (£100 for the best Hons paper on Old English).

5. Event sponsorship

The AMC hosted the 2017 meeting of the **Corpus Linguistics in Scotland** network. The theme was *Diachrony through Corpora*.

The first **AMC Lecture**, delivered by Prof Aditi Lahiri (Oxford), took place in 05/2017.

6. Research activity

RCUK-funded research projects:

- FITS (£1,020,702 AHRC grant for 04/2014 - 03/2018) employed 2 full-time RAs to end 07/2017 July and 1 thereafter, 1 part-time RA, and provides for a PhD studentship.
- PLAEME (£9,300 BA/Leverhulme grant, 01/2016 - 12/2017) employs 1 part-time RA.
- TIMESS (£6,813 BA/Leverhulme grant, 03/2017 - 09/2018) employs 1 part-time RA.

The AMC hosted **five international visiting scholars**:

- MJ Carrillo Linares (Huelva), semester 1 2016/17, Middle English word geography
- E Garrido Anes (Huelva), semester 2 2016/17, Middle English word geography
- M Sawada (Aichi Gakuin, Japan), 04/2017 - 03/2018, Middle English syntax
- R Baechler (Postdoc fellowship), 05/2017 - 04/2020, Middle English morphology
- D Minkova (UCLA), 07/2017, Middle English phonology

7. Publications

EUP has agreed to publish proceedings from the AMC's first international Symposium (06/2016) in 2018 as ***Digital Approaches to Historical Dialectology***.

An audio-video version of Prof Lahiri's AMC Lecture (see item 5 above) is publicly available on the LEL Youtube channel.

8. Impact

Alcorn worked over the summer with three PG students to produce a guide to 16th-century Scots. This was published by the National Library of Scotland on their public *Wee Windaes* website in 09/2017.

The FITS project team worked over the summer with the Scots Scriever (a public figure) and a Lowlands Scots musician to produce two versions (one in Scots, one in English) of an educational video on the origins of the Scots language. These videos are about to be published online.

9. AMC Strategy

CAHSS has asked each of its Research Centres to produce a set of strategies and action plans—covering research, knowledge exchange, outreach, training, and teaching—plus a detailed research plan for the next 3-5 years. The AMC has not yet compiled these plans as they require careful thought and extensive consultation. We aim to produce them by Summer 2018.

Prof Heinz J Giegerich, AMC Director
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