

Angus McIntosh Centre for Historical Linguistics

Annual Report for year to 31 July 2018

1. Changes to the Steering Committee

- *Continuing*: M. Alexander (Glasgow), R. Alcorn, H. Giegerich, N. Gisborne, B. Los (LEL), R. McColl Millar (Aberdeen), B. Molineaux (LEL), and R. Truswell (LEL).
- *Office bearers*: Giegerich continues as Director. Molineaux continues as Secretary. Alcorn continues as Depute Director and Treasurer.

2. AMC Membership

The AMC has 13 Honorary Members (the new member is Vasilis Karaiskos) and 161 Affiliates (127 last year). Our Affiliates represent 18 UK HEIs, 31 other European HEIs, and 24 non-European HEIs.

3. Financial report: year to 31 July 2017

Dividend income £8,993 less costs £2,143 = £6,844 underspend. The underspend was added to the endowment capital. The endowment capital, valued at £458,129 in September 2017, increased by 16.9% to a value of £535,597 in September 2018. Expenditure was low last year, given that the McIntosh-Patterson Studentship was paid by the School. The surplus (net) income represents sums intended for the McIntosh-Patterson PhD Studentship. Instead, these sums will be reinvested.

| | 2017/18 | 2016/17 | 2015/16 |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Dividend income | 8,993 | 10,953 | 13,568 |
| Costs | <u>2,148</u> | <u>656</u> | <u>4,718</u> |
| Net income | <u>6,844</u> | <u>10,297</u> | <u>8,850</u> |
| Endowment value | £535,597 | £458,129 | £423,634 |

4. Student sponsorship

The £100 **Angus McIntosh UG Prize** was awarded in 06/2018 to **Alex Kalomoiros** for the best Hons Dissertation in Linguistics & English Language. The AMC also administers the **McIntosh-Patterson PhD studentship**, awarded in 2015 to Jade Sandsted. With Jade Sandsted in his third and last year in 2018, the studentship was re-advertised in the spring of 2018, with Sarah vanEyndhoven (Canterbury, New Zealand) selected as the new recipient. She will start in January 2019.

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 sponsored the Third Edinburgh Symposium on Historical Phonology (30 November – 1 December 2017) and gave £350 in support of Dr Molineaux's Leverhulme project "Digital methods in New-World language change: Words & sounds in older Mapudungun".

6. Research activity

RCUK-funded research projects:

- FITS (£1,020,702 AHRC grant for 04/2014 - 03/2018) employed 2 full-time RAs and provided for a PhD studentship.
- TIMESS (£6,813 BA/Leverhulme grant, 03/2017 - 09/2018) – will have to be returned to funder as the PI has not had the time to undertake the work.
- Digital methods in New-World language change: Words & sounds in older Mapudungun" (£90,000 Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, 04/2018 - 03/2021) – employing Benjamin Molineaux as an AMC researcher.

The AMC hosted four international visiting scholars:

- M Sawada (Aichi Gakuin, Japan), 04/2017 - 03/2018, Middle English syntax
- R Baechler (Postdoc fellowship), 05/2017 - 04/2020, Middle English morphology
- A Honkaphja ((Postdoc fellowship), 09/2017 - 08/2020, Manuscript Abbreviations
- Prof Ulrike Demske (Potsdam), 11/2017 – 03/2018, Historical Syntax of German

7. Publications

EUP has agreed to publish proceedings from the AMC's first international Symposium (06/2016) as *Digital Approaches to Historical Dialectology*. The publication date has been set for January 2019. Editing team: Rhona Alcorn, Joanna Kopaczyk, Bettelou Los and Benjamin Molineaux.

8. Impact

AMC's FITS Project produced a 10-minute infographic video on the origins of the Scots language, narrated in both English (by Rhona Alcorn) and Scots (by Scots Scribe Hamish MacDonald). These two educational videos are online and have garnered 34,000 views on YouTube so far.

9. AMC Strategy

The AMC held its first strategy planning event on 26 April 2018, attended by the members of the Steering Committee and LEL AMC affiliates, including PhDs. The meeting was facilitated by *Animate*. Themes discussed were plans for expansion versus focus in the next 3-5 years; the visibility of the AMC; the situation of our online resources, and how to responsibly and sustainably curate them; and the governance of the AMC.

Prof Bettelou Los, AMC Director
(having taken over from Prof Heinz Giegerich on 1 September 2018)
10 December 2018