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Welcome / Bienvenue to the thirteenth issue of the CASBC/ACÉHL Digest and the first in a new series! In each issue, we will select a few topics relevant to scholars who work on book culture and are based in Canada. Feel free to send an email to the editor if you have news to include in the CASBC Digest.

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The first 12 numbers of this newsletter were issued monthly between June 2012 and May 2013 by Lise Jaillant, who was at that time a member of the CASBC/ACEHL executive. Dr Jaillant now holds a permanent academic position at Loughborough University in the UK. Thank-you and congratulations, Lise!

This second series of CASBC/ACEHL Digest is planned to appear quarterly: June, September, December, and March. Members and others are invited to send announcements, calls for papers and other items of interest to the editor, Leslie Howsam, at the email address above.

Here is a link to the archive of earlier issues: <http://casbc-acehl.dal.ca/newsletter.htm>

RECENT EVENTS

CASBC/ACEHL held its twelfth annual meeting and conference at the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Calgary last month. There was a range of excellent papers. One highlight was a whole session on books and readers in late imperial and early republican China organized by Executive Member Joan Judge of the Department of History at York. There were presenters from Banff, Calgary, Dalhousie, Edmonton, Miami, Paris, Toronto, Vancouver, Winchester and elsewhere.

In the tradition of CASBC/ACEHL, there were two sessions arranged in collaboration with other societies. One of these was an exciting interdisciplinary round table co-sponsored with the Bibliographical Society of Canada (BSC) on "Working in the University of Calgary's Canadian Literary Archives."

At the Annual General Meeting, Myra Tawfik (Faculty of Law, University of Windsor) was elected President, succeeding Isabelle Lehuu (Department of History, Université du Québec à Montréal) who has given our organization dedicated leadership for the past three years. A healthy Treasurer's Report was submitted, and since the conference Dr Stuart Barnard (History, U Calgary) has agreed to fill the position of Secretary-Treasurer, which had been left vacant earlier this year.



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In the course of the Annual Meeting and throughout the conference, there was much conversation about strengthening the membership profile of the Society. Book historians in Canada are interdisciplinary and our organization was created to bring the study of book culture at all places and in all periods to Congress every year, working in collaboration with the Bibliographical Society of Canada, the Canadian Historical Association, the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English, the Renaissance Society and Medievalists, and others. The Executive plans to work with some of these organizations to develop a program for next year's conference at Ryerson.

We also decided to communicate more extensively with members -- hence the revival of this newsletter -- and to set up social media accounts to promote the interests of the organization. Watch this space, and the CASBC/ACEHL website (<http://casbc-acehl.dal.ca/main.htm>) for more.

NEXT CONFERENCE / NEXT CONGRESS

The 2017 Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities in Canada will be held in Toronto at Ryerson University, 27 May to 2 June. The dates of the CASBC conference will likely be 30-31 May. This will be confirmed in the next issue of Digest.

APPEL DE TEXTES

L'appel de textes pour le 16e numéro de la revue Mémoires du livre / Studies in Book Culture est lancé. Dirigé par Adrien Rannaud, ce numéro s'intitule : « Le livre et le journal : croisements, prolongements et transformations / The Book and the Periodical: Intersections, Extensions and Transformations ».

[« Le livre et le journal : croisements, prolongements et transformations », Mémoires du livre / Studies in Book Culture, numéro dirigé par Adrien Rannaud](#)

NEWS IN BOOK HISTORY

Latest book in the University of Toronto Press series, Studies in Book & Print Culture:

Print Culture Histories Beyond the Metropolis, Edited by James J. Connolly, Patrick Collier, Frank Felsenstein, Kenneth R. Hall, and Robert G. Hall. Focuses attention to how the residents of smaller cities, provincial districts, rural settings, and colonial outposts have produced, disseminated, and read print materials.

2016 SHARP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN JULY:

The Society for the History of Authorship, Reading & Publishing will be held at the Bibliotheque Nationale de France. Several CASBC members are among the speakers, and the theme of Languages of the Book / Les Langues du Livre is something well understood in the world of Canadian books and publishing!