

**SWESSE (SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR ENGLISH STUDIES)
NEWSLETTER, November 2016**

Dear SWESSE Members

Welcome to your Autumn/Winter update on SWESSE related activities and events of interest to our members.

1. REPORT FROM ESSE BOARD MEETING, GALWAY, 2016

As representative for SWESSE, I was privileged to attend the ESSE (European Society for the Study of English) Conference, at Galway University, Mon 22 Aug – Fri 26 Aug 2016. Before the conference, I attended the ESSE Board meeting, which took place from Sat 20 Aug – Mon 22 Aug. The meeting was attended by the national representatives from 21 countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and UK. Also in attendance were the ESSE President, Prof Liliane Louvel, Université de Poitiers; Treasurer, Prof Alberto Lazaro, Universidad de Alcalá; Secretary, Prof Smiljana Komar, University of Ljubljana, and guest member, Webmaster, Dr Jacques Ramel, Université Lyon 2. Apologies were received from Albania, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Slovakia and Turkey. No apologies: Armenia, Germany and Russia.

The Board unanimously elected the current ESSE Secretary, Prof Smiljana Komar, and current ESSE Treasurer, Prof Alberto Lázaro, for a second term of office.

In 2017, the ESSE Board meeting will be held from 30-31 August in Thessaloniki, Greece.
In 2018, the ESSE Board meeting will be held from 28-29 August in Brno, Czech Republic, in conjunction with the next ESSE Conference, which takes place from 29 Aug-2 Sept, 2018.
In 2019, the ESSE Board meeting will be in Wroclaw, Poland.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for 2015, presented at the Board meeting, showed a positive balance of €10,988.06, which leaves ESSE accounts in a strong position. ESSE currently has a membership of 7,325 members from 32 countries, representing an increase of 166 members from the previous year. There was a gain in membership from some national associations (France, Germany, Ireland, Poland, Portugal and UK), and a drop in membership from others (Belgium, Finland, Greece, Italy and Switzerland). The Swedish membership numbers remain constant, with an increase in recent years. SWESSE members for 2015 were 208 (2014=210; 2013=195; 2012=171; 2011=161).

ESSE WEBMASTER

The ESSE webmaster, Dr Jacques Ramel, reported on the new ESSE website which was developed during the year. He was proud to announce that the site has been viewed 37,000 times by over 23,000 different visitors. Most viewed pages were the cfp. The *Messenger* homepage has dramatically increased its number of viewers since it has become an online journal. The link to the website is: <http://essenglish.org/>.

ESSE Messenger

All SWESSE members – as automatic members of ESSE – receive *The European English Messenger*, published twice a year. The journal contains information, contacts and resources for scholarship and teaching, as well as interviews, conference reports and book reviews.

SWESSE members are encouraged to submit to the journal. For further info see website: <http://www.essenglish.org/messenger.html>.

From issue XV/1 (Spring 2006), articles from *The Messenger* are also available for download in pdf format. This new service is restricted to members of ESSE, and the password required to open these documents is Tolken. For Summer 2016 the topic was “Children’s Literature”. This issue is available online at <http://essenglish.org/messenger>.

The editor of the *Messenger*, Dr Adrian Radu, gave his report at the Board meeting and said the journal will continue with themed issues. The next issue – 25-2, Winter 2016 – on the topic of “Shakespeare Lives”, is due out in December. For those who may be still interested in submitting an article, the extended deadline is 15 Nov, 2016.

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EJES (European Journal of English Studies)

On behalf of the editors of the *European Journal of English Studies (EJES)*, a report was presented by Editor Greta Olson. *EJES* is the scholarly journal associated with ESSE, published in cooperation with Routledge. An *EJES* virtual special issue (VSI) has been published online to celebrate the 20th volume of the journal and to inspire ESSE members and other contributors to propose new themes and article idea for future editions. It is available at bit.ly/ejes_20.

There was a special call for the ESSE board members to encourage their national members to contribute to the journal. The editors especially welcome contributions that advance the ambitions of the journal from the multidisciplinary and multicultural perspective that characterises English in Europe. For further info see <http://www.essenglish.org/ejes.html>.

ESSE BOOK AWARDS, 2016

Also presented at the conference in Galway were the winners of ESSE Book Awards, 2016, for books first published in 2014, or 2015. The Book Prize Ceremony took place on Wed 24 Aug 2016, at the ESSE General Assembly in the Bailey Allen Hall. Prizes were awarded in the following categories:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

Award in Category A (Senior Scholars):

Biewer, Carolin. *South Pacific Englishes. A Sociolinguistic and Morphosyntactic Profile of Fiji English, Samoan English and Cook Islands English*. Philadelphia: John Benjamin’s Publishing Society, 2015.

Honourable Mention:

Degani, Marta. *Framing the Rhetoric of a Leader. An Analysis of Obama’s Election Campaign Speeches*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

Award in Category B (Junior Scholars):

Franceschi, Daniele. *Ingressive and Egressive Verbs in English. A Cognitive-Pragmatic Approach to Meaning*. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015.

LITERATURES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Award in Category A (Senior Scholars):

Boehmer, Elleke. *Indian Arrivals, 1870-1915: Networks of British Empire*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2015.

Honourable mention:

Saggini, Francesca. *The Gothic Novel and the Stage: Romantic Appropriations*. London: Pickering and Chatto, 2015.

Award in Category B (Junior Scholars):

Funk, Wolfgang. *The Literature of Reconstruction: Authentic Fiction in the New Millennium*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015.

CULTURAL AND AREA STUDIES IN ENGLISH

Award in Category A:

Talairach-Vielmas, Laurence. *Fairy Tales, Natural History and Victorian Culture*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Honourable mention:

Trower, Shelley. *Rocks of Nations. The imagination of Celtic Cornwall*. Manchester: Manchester UP, 2015.

See the following link for further info with juries' justifications and photos from the prize-giving ceremony: <http://www.essenglish.org/bookaward.html>.

The next ESSE Book Awards will be in 2018, presented at the forthcoming ESSE-14 Conference, at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, 29 Aug to 2 Sept, 2018.

2. NJES (*Nordic Journal of English Studies*)

The latest special issue of *NJES*, Vol 15, No 3 (2016), *Languages in contrast 20 years on*, edited by Lene Nordrum, Signe Oksefjell Ebeling & Hilde Hasselgård, is available online: <http://ojs.ub.gu.se/ojs/index.php/njes/issue/current>.

NJES Call for Papers

NJES is inviting scholars in the field of English Studies to submit articles for an upcoming general issue. *The Nordic Journal of English Studies (NJES)* is associated with the Nordic Association of English Studies and is published two to three times a year. *NJES* publishes articles on the English language and literatures in English. It also welcomes special issues on different themes of topical interest. The journal has a review section where we draw special attention to works published in the Nordic countries. The journal is peer-reviewed and listed in the MLA, EBSCO, Elsevier, Cengage and ERIH databases. To submit your article, or for more information, please contact us by email at nordic.journal@sprak.gu.se.

Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2017.

Proposals for special issues should include a description of the topic, a preliminary table of contents and short abstracts of the papers including names of contributors and expected submission of the manuscript.

Looking forward very much to receiving your submissions.

Editors: Karin Aijmer and Chloé Avril.

3. RECENT SWESSE RELATED EVENTS

NAES (Nordic Association of English Studies) Conference

The 12th triennial conference for the Nordic Association of English Studies (NAES) was held at the University of Agder, Norway, 4-7 May, 2016. The conference was open to academics working in English linguistics, literatures in English, cultural studies, and English-language pedagogy. The theme was *Englishes and Changing Identities in the North*, and the focus was on discussions and re-evaluations of English identities, particularly in the Northern hemisphere, as realized through language, literature and culture. Prof Charles I. Armstrong was the host, and the conference was attended by a number of SWESSE members.

At the NAES General Meeting held during the conference, Charles Armstrong was elected President of NAES, replacing outgoing President Prof Anthony Johnson, Åbo Academy, Finland.

ESSE-13 Conference

As already referred to, the ESSE (European Society for the Study of English) Conference was held at the National University of Ireland, Galway, Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug, 2016. The conference organisers were Prof Patrick Lonergan, Galway, and Dr Aoife Leahy, the Irish representative on the ESSE board.

The conference was very well attended, with over 800 delegates from many of the 32 ESSE member countries, as well as delegates from India, Japan, Russia and US. Plenary speakers included Paul Baker (Linguistics), Emma Smith (Cultural Studies), and the author Colm Tobin (Literature). The PhD sessions were particularly popular, with 4 literature sessions and 1 joint cultural and area studies/linguistics session. The total number of PhD students registered at the conference was 139. It was great to see a number of Swedish researchers in attendance presenting their work.

The next ESSE Conference, **ESSE-14**, will be held in Brno, the Czech Republic 2018. The conference will be organized by CZASE and the Department of English and American Studies of Masaryk University. The proposed dates are from 27 Aug–2 Sept, 2018. Further info will be available on the ESSE website in due course (<http://essenglish.org/>).

4. SWESSE RELATED FORTHCOMING EVENTS

ESSE DOCTORAL SYMPOSIUM, 2017

The **ESSE Board** decided that as of 2017 an ESSE Doctoral Symposium will be organized every year. **The first ESSE Doctoral Symposium will take place in Thessaloniki, Greece on 28-29 August 2017.** (The second will form part of the ESSE Conference to be held in Brno, Czech Republic in 2018; the third will be organized in Wrocław, Poland in 2019; the fourth will form part of the ESSE Conference to be held in Lyon, France in 2020).

The purpose of the Symposium is to allow postgraduate students from all over Europe, who are writing their theses in English Studies, and are at least in the second year of their doctoral studies at the time of the Symposium in question, to meet and compare notes. The aim is to focus not so much on the details of the research as on the general approach taken to the subject and the methodology applied. SWESSE members, who are supervising doctoral students, are kindly encouraged to inform their students of this very useful forum for presenting their work and establishing valuable network contacts. See the ESSE website for further information re application dates and funding possibilities.

<http://essenglish.org/doctoral-symposium/>.

NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES

The next National Forum for English Studies will be held at **Jönköping University, 26- 28 April, 2017**. The conference planning is well under way and is hosted by Annika Denke and Jenny Malmqvist. The conference theme is “English across Borders: Celebrating the Diversity of the English Language.”

Confirmed keynote speakers are:

Professor Terry Eagleton (Lancaster University)

Professor Emeritus Philip Shaw (Stockholm University)

We hope to see as many SWESSE members as possible at the National Forum as it is an excellent opportunity for discussing common matters of interest, both with regard to our research and our teaching and for getting to know colleagues at other universities.

For further information please contact Jenny Malmqvist (jenny.malmqvist@ju.se) or Annika Denke (annika.denke@ju.se).

The SWESSE Board warmly welcomes offers from prospective organisers for future venues for the National Forum – especially organisers for a venue for the National Forum, 2019.

SWESSE AWARD FOR BEST BA THESES IN ENGLISH

In order to encourage and reward research in English, SWESSE awards a biennial prize for outstanding BA theses in English, in literature and linguistics, respectively. Theses taking a didactic approach in either area are also considered. Each Swedish University or other Institution of Higher Education offering courses in English at BA-level may nominate one BA-level thesis in literature and one in linguistics as their Best English Thesis of the two preceding academic years. Nominations should be preceded by a collegial decision at each department, and the student whose thesis is submitted should be informed of this.

We welcome now nominations for theses defended in 2015 and 2016. Nominations must include electronic copies of the theses nominated (as Word-files), and should be sent to the Chair of each respective awards committee, by **Friday, February 10, 2017**. The juries in each category will meet in March and reach a decision.

The awards will be presented at the National Forum for English Studies meeting in Jönköping, April 26-28, 2017.

Linguistic theses should be sent to **Prof Jean Hudson, Malmö** (jean.hudson@mah.se)

Literary theses should be sent to **Prof Magnus Ullén, Karlstad** (magnus.ullen@kau.se).

ELECTION OF NEW SWESSE BOARD MEMBERS

At the next SWESSE General Meeting, which takes place at the forthcoming National Forum in Jönköping, Board members for the coming 2-year term will be elected. Since I will then have held the position of President for a term of 4 years, I have decided to step down. Vice-president, Prof Jean Hudson, and Board member, Prof Magnus Ullén have also decided not to go forward for re-election.

Thus, we look forward to electing a new President, and Vice-President to fill those vacancies, as well as a Doctoral Representative for the third vacancy. Nominations for these

posts can be sent to the **Nominations Committee** (“valberedning”), which consists of **Prof Maria Holmgren Troy, Karlstad**, (Maria.Holmgren.Troy@kau.se) and Prof **Philip Shaw, Stockholm**, (philip.shaw@english.su.se). Please contact them with your nominations.

SWESSE Membership

All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE Treasurer Anna Swärth, anna.swardh@kau.se.

SWESSE Website: We welcome information regarding forthcoming conferences, workshops, and other academic activities of interest for posting on the SWESSE website: <http://swesse.se/>.

Please send any such info to Stuart Robertson stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se.

I look forward to seeing you at the National Forum in Jönköping in April!

In the meantime, warm regards from a beautiful snow-clad Dalarna.

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