

**SWESSE (SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR ENGLISH STUDIES)  
NEWSLETTER, Autumn 2014**

Dear SWESSE Members

Autumn greetings to you all! This is a short update on SWESSE related activities and events that are of interest to all our members.

**REPORT FROM ESSE BOARD MEETING, 2014**

As representative for SWESSE, I was privileged to attend the ESSE (The European Society for the Study of English) Conference, in Košice, Slovakia, Fri 29 Aug – Tues 2 Sept 2014. The ESSE Board meeting, which took place the day before the conference on Thurs 28 Aug, was attended by the national representatives from 26 countries: Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom. 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; Webmaster, Dr Jacques Ramel, Université Lyon 2; and Editor of *The Messenger*, Prof Hortensia Pârlog, West University of Timișoara, Romania. The meeting was as usual very rewarding, consisting of lively discussions and exchange of ideas, reflecting the cultural and geographical diversity of the representatives.

Among the many items on the agenda was the approval of the report from the organisers of the conference ESSE-12, Košice 2014, and the report from the organisers of the forthcoming conference ESSE 13, to be held in Galway 2016 – see further info below. Also presented at the conference were the winners of ESSE Book Awards, 2014.

**ESSE BOOK AWARDS, 2014**

The Book Prize Ceremony took place on Mon 1 Sept 2014, in the impressive Historic Aula, at the Rectorate of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Košice, where the conference events were held. Prizes were awarded in the following categories:

**1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS**

CATEGORY A: No award granted

CATEGORY B (junior scholars): **Winner:** Lutzky, Ursula. *Discourse Markers in Early Modern English*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2012.

**Honourable mention:**

Podhajecka, Mirosława. *Russian Borrowings in English. A Dictionary and Corpus Study*. Opole: Uniwersytet Opolski, 2013.

Tizón-Couto, David. *Left Dislocation in English. A Functional-Discoursal Approach*. Bern: Peter Lang AG, 2012.

**2. LITERATURES IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

CATEGORY A: No award granted

CATEGORY B (junior scholars): **Winner:** Kirchknopf, Andrea. *Rewriting the Victorians: Modes of Literary Engagement with the 19th Century Paperback*. Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland, 2013.

**Honourable mention:** De Angelis, Irene. *The Japanese Effect in Contemporary Irish Poetry*. Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

### 3. CULTURAL STUDIES IN ENGLISH

CATEGORY A: **Winner:** Hurtley, Jacqueline. *Walter Starkie: An Odyssey*. Dublin: Four Courts, 2013.

**Honourable mention:** Huggan, Graham. *Nature's Saviours: Celebrity Conservationists in the Television Age*. Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2013.

CATEGORY B (junior scholars): **Winner:** O'Doherty, Marianne. *The Indies and the Medieval West: Thought, Report, Imagination*. Turnhout: Brepols, 2013.

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 2016, presented at the forthcoming ESSE Conference, at Galway University, Ireland. See further below.

#### ESSE SUB-PLenary LECTURE

A much-appreciated sub-plenary lecture, "(Child)Reign of Terror: Dangerous Child Régimes," was presented by SWESSE-nominated member Björn Sundmark, Malmö University, in the Culture section at the Košice conference. The lecture focused on fictions where the social contract between the child and the adult has been irreparably broken, and where children have established their own regimes. Texts specifically analyzed were Stephen King's short story "Children of the Corn" (1977), and "The Enemy" (2009-), a series of zombie apocalypse-books by Charlie Higson.

On behalf of the SWESSE members I would like to congratulate Björn on his recent promotion to Professor of English at Malmö University.

For further info with photos and reports from the ESSE 2014 Conference, see the ESSE website: [www.esse2014kosice.sk](http://www.esse2014kosice.sk).

#### NJES (*Nordic Journal of English Studies*)

The latest special issue of *NJES - Irish Studies in the Nordic Countries* – edited by Irene Gilsenan Nordin - is now available online: <http://ojs.ub.gu.se/ojs/index.php/njes/issue/current>.

Upcoming Special Issues:

- *Cross-linguistic Studies at the Interface between Lexis and Grammar*, edited by Karin Aijmer and Hilde Hasselgård
- *Historical Linguistics*, edited by Merja Kytö and Terry Walker

#### 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](mailto:nordic.journal@sprak.gu.se).

Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2015.

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

Looking forward very much to receiving your submissions.

Karin Aijmer, editor  
Chloé Avril, assistant editor

*EJES (The European Journal of English Studies)* is the scholarly journal associated with ESSE. It is published in cooperation with Routledge. Contributions are welcomed from SWESSE members. 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>.

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#### **RECENT SWESSE RELATED EVENTS**

##### **Essay Writing Workshop, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Mon 29 Sept 2014**

Following the Essay Writing Workshop at Höskolan Dalarna, Sept 2013, and the establishment of an Essay Writing Network resulting from that meeting, Linnaeus University hosted a very well-attended essay-writing workshop on Mon 29 Sept 2014. The workshop - organised by the dynamic Anna Greek, Lecturer in English Literature, and her team - was attended by over 30 participants from 14 universities and högskolor. The meeting began with a stimulating talk entitled “Reverse engineering an essay” by Diane Pecorari, Professor of English Linguistics at Linnaeus University. The talk addressed the topic of progression in preparing students to write a dissertation, focusing on sub-skills essential for success and how they can be developed strategically across the undergraduate curriculum. This was followed by a discussion on essay supervision practices and policies and in the afternoon by separate workshops for literature and linguistics.

Anna Fåhraeus, Lecturer in English Literature at Höskolan i Halmstad, has kindly volunteered to take responsibility for hosting the next workshop in 2015. If you are interested in being included in the mailing list for information on the workshop network, please contact Anna at [Anna.Fahraeus@hh.se](mailto:Anna.Fahraeus@hh.se).

#### **FORTHCOMING SWESSE ESSAY AWARDS**

##### **SWESSE Award for Best BA Essay of the Year in English**

We would like to remind you of SWESSE’s newly established annual prize for outstanding BA essays in English literature and linguistics respectively. Essays taking a didactic approach in either area are also welcome. Information on this has already been sent out to the SWESSE members, and further details are available on the SWESSE website, on the following link: <http://swesse.se/2014/10/20/swesse-ba-essay-of-the-year-award/>.

Nominations - for essays written in 2013 and 2014 - should be submitted by **Fri 13 Feb 2015** to the Chair of each respective awards committee. The awards will be presented at the Essay Prize Ceremony at the forthcoming National Forum for English Studies in Luleå, 20-22 May 2015 – see below. The prize-winners will receive a certificate, paid travel expenses to Luleå to attend the prize ceremony, and a nominal prize of 500 SEK each.

Linguistic essays should be sent to [jean.hudson@mah.se](mailto:jean.hudson@mah.se).  
Literary essays should be sent to [magnus.ullen@kau.se](mailto:magnus.ullen@kau.se).

We look forward to receiving the nominated essays!

## **FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES**

### **NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES**

**Luleå University of Technology, Wed 20 – Fri 22 May 2015**

The forthcoming National Forum for English Studies will be held at Luleå University of Technology (LTU), Wed 20 – Fri 22 May 2015. We hope that as many SWESSE members as possible will be able to attend this gathering, which is being hosted by Lydia Kokkola, Prof of English and Education, at the Department of Arts, Communication and Education at Luleå.

The theme of the conference is “English and Education” with a particular focus on connections between current research in English and how English is taught at universities and schools throughout Sweden. Plenary sessions, poster sessions and working groups will discuss and reflect over current research projects and how these inform our work with undergraduates and society at large. Delegates are encouraged to present their on-going projects in the form of short papers and posters or to propose a workshop. There will also be time set aside for meetings of the main professional groups, and delegates are encouraged to propose subjects for discussion to those convening the meetings.

Confirmed keynote speakers include Roxanne Harde (University of Alberta), Jeannette Littlemore (University of Birmingham), Eva Björck (The Swedish Research Council) and Norbert Schmitt (University of Nottingham).

The registration fee for the conference will be approx 2000 SEK (not including the conference dinner) and the website will open for registration in Dec 2014. If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact Lydia at ([lydia.kokkola@ltu.se](mailto:lydia.kokkola@ltu.se)).

Further info is available on the Conference website:

<http://www.ltu.se/research/subjects/Engelska-med-didaktisk-inriktning/Konferenser>.

### **ESSE CONFERENCE**

**13th ESSE Conference, Galway, Ireland, Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug 2016**

The National University of Ireland, in Galway, looks forward to welcoming you to the next ESSE conference Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug 2016:

### **CALL FOR SEMINARS, ROUND TABLES AND PARALLEL LECTURES**

ESSE/SWESSE members are invited to submit proposals for seminars and round tables on topics related to our fields of study: English Language, Literatures in English, and Cultural Studies (broadly defined). Proposals for seminars and round tables should be submitted directly to the Academic Programme Committee (APC) at [esseabstracts2016@gmail.com](mailto:esseabstracts2016@gmail.com).

National Associations are invited to nominate potential lecturers. Suggestions for lecturers should be sent to the Presidents or representatives of the National Associations, who will send the nominations to the APC. (We look forward to receiving your expressions of interest for nomination in due course). There will be approximately 12 parallel lectures given by ESSE members nominated by their National Associations. These parallel lectures are expected to have a wide appeal and to reflect recent developments in scholarship in one of the three areas mentioned above. They will be fifty minutes in length. National Associations should forward a description of their nominee's proposed topic together with a brief summary of his or her CV. Each national association can propose up to three lecturers, each of them in one of the three main fields mentioned above, so that the APC can have a wide range of options for the final selection. Please note that ESSE will not finance the parallel lecturers' costs of attending the conference, but that their conference fees will be waived.

**DEADLINES:** For Parallel Lectures (nomination by National Associations): 1 May 2015.  
For Seminars and Round Tables (proposals from prospective convenors): 1 May 2015.

Further details available at: <http://www.essenglish.org/Galway2016.html>.  
The ESSE Conference website is: <http://www.esse2016.org/>.

### **SWESSE Membership Lists**

We are at the moment updating the SWESSE membership list and collecting membership fees. We are happy that many departments of English opt to pay a departmental membership for faculty members and we thank our SWESSE board members Anna Swardh and Anna Wärsby for following this up by contacting the various institutions in relation to payment of membership fees. However not all institutions do this and therefore some individuals need to pay this fee directly to SWESSE if they wish to be members. The SWESSE fee is currently 250 SEK for a faculty member and 125 SEK for a doctoral student.

All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE treasurer, Anna Wärsby [anna.warnsby@mah.se](mailto:anna.warnsby@mah.se), or to Anna Swardh, [anna.swardh@kau.se](mailto:anna.swardh@kau.se).

**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 Mats Deutschmann, [mats.deutschmann@engelska.umu.se](mailto:mats.deutschmann@engelska.umu.se) or Stuart Robertson [stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se](mailto:stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se).

We look forward to seeing you at some of the forthcoming events!

Kind regards

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