

**SWESSE (SWEDISH SOCIETY FOR ENGLISH STUDIES)
NEWSLETTER, November 2015**

Dear SWESSE Members

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

REPORT FROM ESSE BOARD MEETING, BRAGA, 2015

The ESSE (European Society for the Study of English) Board Meeting was held at Braga, Portugal, 27-28 Aug, 2015. The meeting was attended by the national representatives from 19 countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, 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; and guest member, Webmaster, Dr Jacques Ramel, Université Lyon 2. Sadly, due to the death of my mother just that week, I was unable to attend, and at such short notice was unable to organise a replacement.

Among the many items on the agenda were the reports from the organisers of the conference ESSE-12, Košice 2014, as well as the organisers of the forthcoming conference ESSE-13, to be held in Galway, 22-26 Aug, 2016 – see further info below.

The Board unanimously elected Professor Liliane Louvel as President of ESSE for another term of three years.

The Board also unanimously elected Dr Adrian Radu as new Editor of *The Messenger*, and warmly thanked Prof Hortensia Pârlog, Universitatea de Vest, Timișoara, Romania, for her many years of service as editor. Adrian Radu's three-year term begins 1 Jan, 2016.

The Board accepted the proposal that in 2017 the ESSE Board meeting and PhD sessions would take place in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The Board also accepted the bid for the ESSE-14 conference in 2018, to be held at Brno, in the Czech Republic. 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.

ESSE BOOK AWARDS, 2016

The next ESSE Book Awards will be presented at the forthcoming ESSE Conference, Galway University, Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug, 2016.

The Board agreed that the prize money for each of the three classes (English Language and Linguistics; Literatures in the English Language; and Cultural Studies) is €1,500 for category A, and €1,500 for category B.

Deadline for submissions is: **1 Feb, 2016.**

See the following link for further info: <http://www.essenglish.org/bookaward.html>.

NJES (*Nordic Journal of English Studies*)

The latest special issue of *NJES –Cross-linguistic Studies at the Interface between Lexis and Grammar*, edited by Karin Aijmer and Hilde Hasselgård, is available online: <http://ojs.uu.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.uu.se.
Deadline for submissions: 15 April 2016.

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.

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>.

The European English Messenger All SWESSE members – through your membership of ESSE – receive *The European English Messenger* which is published twice a year. You will shortly be receiving the latest issue, posted individually to your institutions. *The Messenger* contains information, contacts and resources for scholarship and teaching, as well as interviews, conference reports and book reviews. 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 who receive the printed edition of the newsletter. A password is required to open these pdf documents. The password is to be found in the printed issue of *The Messenger*.

At the recent ESSE Board Meeting, the following proposals regarding *The Messenger* were unanimously accepted:

1. *The Messenger* will be divided into an academic journal and blog.
2. *The Messenger* and blog will be published within the existing website, using WordPress.

3. The Editor will be responsible for both *The Messenger* and the blog.
4. *The Messenger* will be open to academic and professional articles and to young researchers.
5. *The Messenger* will be open-access with the first year code-protected access.
6. The academic papers will be submitted to two double-blind peer-reviews.

RECENT SWESSE RELATED EVENTS

Essay Writing Workshop, Högskolan i Halmstad, 10 April, 2015

Anna Fåhraeus, Lecturer in English Literature at Högskolan i Halmstad, organised an online essay workshop 10 April, 2015. If you are interested in being included in the mailing list for ongoing information regarding the workshop network, please contact Anna at Anna.Fahraeus@hh.se.

NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES

Luleå University of Technology, 20 –22 May, 2015

The National Forum for English Studies was held at Luleå University of Technology (LTU), 20–22 May, 2015, hosted by Prof Lydia Kokkola, Prof of English and Education, at the Department of Arts, Communication and Education, Luleå. The theme of the conference was “English and Education,” with 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 discussed and reflected over current research projects and how these inform our work with undergraduates and society at large, and delegates presented their on-going projects in the form of short papers. The keynote speakers included Roxanne Harde (University of Alberta), Jeannette Littlemore (University of Birmingham), Eva Björck (The Swedish Research Council) and Norbert Schmitt (University of Nottingham).

We were delighted to see many SWESSE members in attendance, and on behalf of the SWESSE Board, I wish to thank Lydia Kokkola and the organising committee for their hospitality and a very enjoyable conference.

SWESSE RELATED FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

NAES Conference, University of Agder, Norway, 4-7 May, 2016

The 12th triennial conference for the Nordic Association of English Studies (NAES) will take place at the University of Agder, Norway, 4-7 May, 2016. The conference is open to academics working in such fields as English linguistics, literatures in English, cultural studies, and English-language pedagogy. Interdisciplinary approaches are welcome. The theme of the conference is *Englishes and Changing Identities in the North*, and the focus this year will be on discussions and re-evaluations of English identities, particularly in the Northern hemisphere, as realized through language, literature and culture.

Deadline for abstracts is **11 Dec, 2015**. Paper proposals should be no more than **250 words** and panel proposals no more than **500 words**. The submissions should be sent to the following email address: Charles.Armstrong@uia.no.

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

The next ESSE (European Society for the Study of English) Conference will be held at the National University of Ireland, Galway, **Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug, 2016**.

The organisers report that there has been a great deal of interest in the conference and that they are likely to have 900-1000 delegates. Possible plenary speakers include:

- Michael D. Higgins, poet and President of Ireland (speaking from the perspective of a poet)
- Margaret “Meg” Harper, Literature
- Chris Morash, Cultural Studies
- Deborah Tannen, Linguistics
- Colm Toibin, writer (confirmed)

DEADLINES: For posters and individual papers is **28 February 2016**.
Registration will begin on 1 March 2016.

Further details available on the Conference website: <http://www.esse2016.org>

NATIONAL FORUM FOR ENGLISH STUDIES, Jönköping University 2017

The next National Forum for English Studies in 2017 will be held at Jönköping University – hosted by Annicka Denke and Jenny Malmqvist. The organisers are currently looking at suitable dates (late April or early May), and themes for the conference, but these are yet to be finalised before any announcements will be made. Further information will be posted in due course.

SWESSE Membership

All questions relating to membership should be addressed to SWESSE treasurer Anna Swardh, 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 Stuart Robertson stuart.robertson@engelska.uu.se.

Since Christmas is creeping up on us very quickly, I take this occasion to wish you all an early Happy Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you in Agder or Galway in the New Year!

Kindest regards

Irene Gilsenan Nordin
SWESSE President