

**Association of Third-level Teachers of German in Ireland**

**Annual General Meeting**

**University College Cork**

**17<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**In attendance:** Jean Conacher (UL), Hans-Walter Schmidt-Hannisa (NUIG), Manfred Schewe (UCC), Florian Krobb (NUIM), Gert Hofmann (UCC), Renate Plaice (UCC), Joachim Fischer (UL), Deirdre Byrnes (NUIG), Christine Bremer (UCC), Deirdre Byrnes (NUIG), Gabi Behrens (NUIG), Rachel Magshamhráin (UCC), Sabine Krobb (UCD), Caitriona Leahy (TCD), Gillian S. Martin (TCD), Bärbel Jogschies (Heilbronn), Claire O'Reilly (UCC), Miriam Broderick (DIT), Rosanna Molloy (WIT), Úna Carthy (LyIT), Kristin Brogan (ITT), Tina Pusse(UCC).

**Apologies:** Anna Maria Mulally (ITT Dublin), Jutta Connellan (GMIT), Barbara Siller (TCD), Siobhán Donovan, Christiane Schönfeld (MIC), Rosaleen O'Neill (NUIG), Angela Vaupel (QUB), Gillian Pye (UCD), Eimear Kelly (AIT), Noel Deeney (DIT), Gisela Holfter (UL), Marieke Krajenbrink (UL), Jürgen Barkhoff (TCD), Moray McGowan (TCD), Gilbert Carr (TCD), Sabine Egger (MIC), Eda Sagarra (retired)

**Minutes AGM in University of Limerick 2008**

Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2008 were circulated electronically to all members shortly after the event and would be uploaded onto new web site in due course. It was noted on a point of order that a hard copy of AGM minutes should also be circulated at the subsequent AGM for formal approval by all members. The committee assured all present that this procedure would be followed in future.

Rosanna Molloy presented the Treasurer's report which was proposed and seconded by all present.

**ATLTGI Conference 2009 in UCC**

On behalf of the committee, Rosanna Molloy thanked Rachel Magshamhráin for all her hard work in preparation for the conference. This was endorsed by all present. She also thanked the outgoing committee members, in particular Florian Krobb and Siobhán Donovan for their longstanding contribution and for leaving the committee business in good order.

## **Germanistik in Ireland Directory and Association Mailing List**

A copy of the Directory of **Germanistik in Irland** was circulated, in order to establish if there were any inaccuracies in the entries for the various German Departments listed. Clive Earls from UL will use this information in order to update the member institutions' information on the new ATLTGI website.

A list of 'bouncing e-mails' was also circulated, in order to alert members to the fact that certain e-mail addresses on the association mailing list were inaccurate, as their owners were failing to receive any mail shots from the secretary. Members were asked to scan this list, in the hope that they might identify the owners and assist the secretary in her efforts to reach them.

A list of future conferences was circulated during the meeting and any member who would like to add to this list should contact Úna by email.

## **ATLTGI Conference 2010**

Some discussion took place regarding the venue and theme of the next ATLTGI conference in 2010. It was suggested that Dublin Institute of Technology might consider hosting this event. Miriam Broderick will discuss it with her colleagues at DIT and inform the committee of their decision. There was a suggestion that the theme of the next conference should be more theoretical as we have had a series of practical contributions. It was suggested that a Swiss theme might be appropriate; another member suggested that new learning methodologies might also be an interesting topic. However, no final decision in relation to either venue or topic was made and it was decided to ask all members to suggest other possible venues and topics to the committee by e-mail before Christmas 2009.

As regards the timing of the ATLTGI conference, it was noted that there are other important events taking place around the same time and that the committee might consider postponing next year's event until November. The committee agreed that the timing was far from ideal and would give this matter due consideration when finalising a date.

## **Jahrbuch and Schriftenreihe**

With regard to the **Jahrbuch (Germanistik in Irland)** and the **Schriftenreihe** (short and very short prose pieces) Hans-Walter Schmidt-Hannisa explained that the same group of editors deal with both. He would encourage all members to contribute pieces to these collections. With regard to the editors, it was noted that Florian Krobb had kindly agreed to continue acting as editor during the 2008-2009 session, but was now retiring from this role. It was proposed that Sabine Strümper-Krobb would take over this position and Sabine indicated that she would consider. The committee is indebted to Florian for all the commitment he

has shown over the years in relation to both collections. The committee is also most grateful to Hans-Walter who has kindly agreed to continue in his role as editor for another year. Finally, the committee acknowledges the contribution of Rachel MagShamhráin who will also continue in her role as editor for the foreseeable future.

### **New Web site**

Clive Earls (UL) presented the new web site to all present. Initially, Clive had been asked to act as the new web master for the existing web site. However, it was eventually decided that the existing web site should be completely updated and that Clive should take over responsibility for the new design. Clive demonstrated how he had changed certain aspects in the layout, thereby making it easier to navigate through the site; e.g. he has divided the section on **Past Events** into academic years, he has also up-dated the format in the directory, making it easier to find information. He included a section on **Links** to other related web sites, and a section on **Job Vacancies**.

Clive <clive.earls@ul.ie> invited all members to contact him directly, should they have any items of interest which could be uploaded onto the web site. On behalf of the committee, Rosanna Molloy thanked Clive for all the work he had put into up-dating the web site and this was echoed by all present. She informed the meeting that it is the intention of the committee to have a bilingual website in the future. It was felt that the new website is a significant enhancement of the web presence of ATLTGI.