



Tuesday 12 April 2022, 2.15 pm, IMLR London (UK)

Chair: Catherine Boyle (CMB), President of the AHGBI

Item	President's Welcome (CMB)
Discussion	The President thanks everyone for coming and specially welcomes the new members that have joined the Association in the past year
Actions	N/A

Item	Record of previous AGM
Discussion	Agreed they are an accurate record of the previous AGM
Actions	N/A

Item	Presentation of eulogies
Discussion	The President reports on those members who have sadly passed away James Higgings Don Cruickshank Geofrey Ribbins Sandra Collins Derek Wagg Erika Segre One minute of silence is held to remember these colleagues
Actions	N/A

Item	President's Business (CMB)
Discussion	CMB thanks previous members of the Exec (Claire Taylor, Abigail Loxham and Diana Cullell) for facilitating a very smooth transition to colleagues who are new Exec officers. CMB reports on initiatives that have been started this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Instituto Cervantes in London: A memorandum of understanding has been signed. Teacher-training courses will be offered from this year onwards. There will also be a fellowship worth £2,000

	<p>consisting of carrying out a research project to be presented at the AHGBI annual conference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundación Duques de Soria: They curate an <i>Observatorio Permanente del Hispanismo</i> in Soria and want to offer spaces to AHGBI members to attend the <i>Casa del Hispanista</i> where writing retreats and research visits can be conducted in exchange of a lecture or research workshop. They are also doing a database of Hispanism around the work. <p>Officers' news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inés Gutiérrez González is the Website officer and is overseeing the update of the. On behalf of the Association, CMB thanks Michael Thompson for his work on the initial website and all the work he has done in maintaining it. <p>Support for members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everybody who is a member of the AHGBI should be benefiting from the funding opportunities offered. CMB encourages all members to engage with funding opportunities, for colleagues and their students, including putting them up for prizes. CMB also mentions the Trustees fellowships and the mentoring scheme which will also be launched shortly. - CB thanks Sophie Stevens and her work as Post-Graduate and ECA Officer <p>Working with other associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A member of the Executive Committee regularly attends UCML, AMLUK (SIG chaired by Charles Burdett, IMLR President), British Academy and AULC meetings.
Action	N/A

Item	Secretary's Report (Mara Fuertes Gutiérrez, MFG)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MFG wishes to thank the previous secretary, Abigail Loxham, for all her work and for facilitating a very smooth transition, despite the very difficult circumstances under which the change of roles was conducted. - Charity commission report was submitted at the end of the year as per our legal requirements - Spanish reps meeting will take place in Autumn 2022. It will be advertised via the AHGBI distribution list. - MFG reminds members to update their details via the Membership Secretary if they change institutions so both the membership database and the distribution list are updated.
Action	To organise the Spanish reps meeting in Autumn 2022

Item	Treasurer's Report (Katie Brown, KB)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - KB reports we are in a very good financial position, due to new members coming in, and not spending as much money.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many grants are financed by Gift Aid. KB encourages everyone to sign up for Gift Aid as it doesn't affect individuals but it means we get 10 GBP extra per membership. - Balance sheet is available on the virtual space and can be seen upon request.
Action	N/A

Item	Conference Secretary's Report (Tara Plunkett)
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TP thanks Diana Cullell and conference organisers (Charles Burdett, Cathy Collins) and the Cartonera Exhibition organiser for their collaboration and support. She also thanks the keynote speakers for accepting the AHGBI invitation to deliver a talk at this year's conference. She also wants to thank CMB for her work at the Conference and the rest of the Exec for their support. - TP wishes to report on the hybrid conference held in 2021: there were 58 f-2-f and 32 virtual papers. This is a moment for the AHGBI to reflect on the future format of our annual conference. Feedback will be collected after the conference via questionnaires and a decision on the final format of the next conference will be made accordingly. The next conference host won't be announced just yet for this reason.
Action	TP to distribute feedback questionnaires after the conference

AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CMB thanks TP for her work and values the attendance of ECA to the conference. CMB reiterates it is important to reflect on the hybrid format of the conference - CMB introduces the rest of the Exec Committee and also thanks the Trustees for their work and support during the year.
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