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University of Wollongong, Director, Dr Debra Dudek

3) # of Members / # des Membres
127 Members

4) Web site / Site Web

5) Activities (including dates) / Activités (avec dates)

With the support of the Canadian High Commission and Australian National University, ACSANZ hosted Remembrance and Representation: Canada, Australia, and New Zealand in World War I at the Australian National University, Canberra, on Monday 8th Dec.

The workshop examined how World War I holds a potent place in Australia, New Zealand, and Canada and noted that this will be the subject of significant discussion and debate in the coming years’ commemorations of the War’s centenary. Each country has significant moments in their national mythologies tied to WWI campaigns, including Gallipoli for Australia and New Zealand and Vimy Ridge for Canada. A moment of maturation, the Great War often also stands as a point at which some in the colonies saw themselves outgrowing Britain, its military failures denoting—perhaps for the first time—a broader sense of the limits of British cultural, moral, and social hegemony.

The commemoration of the centenary of the War and each nation’s involvement in it is also likely to provoke critique and controversy. Its shifting and contested meanings should prompt acts of remembering and memorialisation not only against the backdrop of WWI itself, but also within the context of contemporary Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. This anniversary offers the space for a multidisciplinary debate in which to consider what WWI means in relation to contemporary military actions and the diverse roles that the three states have in peacebuilding and peacekeeping, as well as in conflict.

The workshop papers explored the complex ways in which New Zealand, Canada, and Australia represent and remember WWI. Revised and extended versions of selected papers will be published in a special edition of ACSANZ’s journal, Australasian Canadian Studies, in October, 2015.

T H E F R A N K L I N D I S C O V E R Y Public Lecture Series.
Wednesday 18th February 6-7.30pm Government House, Hobart
Thursday 19 February 5.30-7pm Weston Theatre, JG Crawford Building, ANU.

S O L V I N G A 170 YEAR-OLD MYSTERY:
On May 19, 1845, Her Majesty’s Ship (HMS) Erebus and HMS Terror of the Royal Navy departed England on a much-heralded Arctic expedition in search of the Northwest Passage. Under the command of Sir John Franklin, former Lieutenant-Governor of Van Diemen’s Land, the expedition’s two ships set out with a complement of 129 officers and crew. The two ships were last seen entering Baffin Bay in August 1845. Since 2008, Parks Canada has led six major searches for the lost Franklin Expedition ships, covering many hundreds of square kilometers of the Arctic seabed.
This lecture series, presented by the High Commission of Canada and supported by ACSANZ, uncovers the operations and technologies involved in the ongoing contemporary searches for the missing ships, and explored the critical role played by Lady Franklin in the initial search for her husband. ACSANZ representatives attended both lectures which were delivered by Dr Erika Behrisch Elce of the Royal Military College of Canada, whose work focuses on the letters of Lady Franklin concerning the search for the lost Franklin Expedition, and Canadian Coast Guard Captain William (Bill) Noon who led the Canadian expeditions in search of the Franklin ships and discovered a ship on the sea floor which was confirmed on September 30, 2014 to be the lost HMS Erebus.

6) Publications

Australasian Canadian Studies (ACS) has a long publication history and current editorial policy has focused on gathering articles so that the journal has a bank of articles to draw on for future publications thus ensuring its longevity. ACS has reduced costs in that the editor does all the copy editing and initial formatting. As Editor, I continue to focus on postgraduate articles and articles from international academics.

In Dec, 2013, the Editor, Dr Robyn Morris and ACSANZ Vice-President, Dr Ben Authers met with the Canadian High Commission, Michael Small and Mary Lou Hayman in Canberra. We discussed the difficulty of maintaining the publication schedule because of lack of articles and of our commitment to keeping running costs to a minimum. We all agreed as to the importance of maintaining the journal as it is the Association’s flagship. In addition the CHS are committed to helping ACSANZ digitise the journal to ensure wider dissemination of previously inaccessible issues of the journal. The link will be placed on the ACSANZ webpage under the tab, Journal. Thank you to the CCH especially the former Canadian High Commissioner Michael Small, and Acting High Commissioner Charles Reeve and to Mary Lou Haymen for their support.

ARTICLES

- Maxime Dagenais: “L’ histoire dira que Lord Durham a préféré une petite faction, et l’ exposera comme une des aberrations humaines de notre époque.” How Lord Durham lost French-Canadian Support, June to October 1838.”
- Boris Handal, Marguerite Maher & Kevin Watson: “From large to small classes: A classroom window.”
- Sue Tappenden. “Protecting Minority Interests: A Comparison between Ascribing Group Rights in a Liberal Society and the Fiduciary Obligation owed to the Canadian First Nations.”
- Julie Robert: “Selling the Cure: Quebec’s Parti Pris, the Disease of Colonialism and the Nationalist Remedy.”

BOOK REVIEWS

- John C. Carter: The Patriot War of 1838 by Sandy Antal and The Patriot War Along the Michigan – Canada Border by Shaun J. McLaughlin
- John C. Carter: Remembering the Battle of Windsor: Last Incursion in the 1838 Upper Canadian Rebellion

7) Grants awarded by the association. Awards & prizes received by members / Bourses offertes par l’association. Prix reçus par les membres de l’association

1x ACSANZ Postgraduate Travel Grant ($2500)

8) Research / Recherches


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9) What has been cut from your association activities since 2012/ Quelles activités ont été coupées depuis 2012?
- Biennial Conference,
- Visiting Scholars Program,
- 4x ACSANZ Postgraduate Travel Grant (2x $3,000),
- Canadian Studies Undergraduate Essay Competition ($1,200),

10) Up-coming activities & events / Activités & événements à venir
- The Chief Herald of Canada, Dr Claire Boudreau, will be visiting Australia in late May and giving a series of public lectures. Dr Boudreau will present three talks: “Canadianising Heraldry” (Sydney on Monday 25 May 2015), “Behind the Scenes at The Canadian Heraldic Authority” (Canberra on Tuesday 26 May 2015), and “The Dynamism of Canadian Heraldry” (Melbourne on Wednesday 27 May 2015).
- Launch of Special themed edition of ACS, Remembrance and Representation: Canada, Australia, and New Zealand in World War I October, 2015, Canadian High Commission, Canberra.