

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATES FOR AHSN COLLOQUIUM, 14-15 FEBRUARY 2010, AT THE WOMENS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

The 2010 AHSN February Research Colloquium will be held at the Womens College, University of Sydney, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th February 2010. Some details are now posted on the AHSN web-site. Please click on Events, and then Current Events. Call for Papers will be posted and e-mailed in July with a September closing date.

As usual, there will be a Post-Graduate section, so please spread the word to any students you are in touch with and to colleagues supervising students with research projects dealing with humour in any discipline.

Don't hesitate to email me directly with any queries or (email address at foot of this e-newsletter).

11th INTERNATIONAL PRAGMATICS CONFERENCE, MONASH AND MELBOURNE UNIVERSITIES, 13-17 JULY 2009

The 11th IPrA Conference to be held at University of Melbourne has several papers on humour in linguistics and pragmatics, including a panel on Japanese humour, co-ordinated by Prof. Sachiko Kitazume, Literature, Arts and Cultural Studies, Kinki University, Osaka, Japan. For more information, visit the Conference web-site: <http://ipra.ua.ac.be/>

9th INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL & SYMPOSIUM ON HUMOR AND LAUGHTER, 29 JUNE - 4 JULY 2009, UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA, SPAIN

This ISHS-endorsed program is the 9th in an annual series organized by Dr Willibald Ruch, Psychology, University of Zurich and Dr Graeme Ritchie, Computational Linguistics, University of Aberdeen. The International Summer Schools are intended to provide students and established investigators planning research projects on humor an opportunity to develop a strong foundation on the existing theoretical and methodological issues related to the scientific study of humor. For more information on the 2009 and future Summer Schools, visit the Summer Schools homepage <http://www.humoursummerschool.org/09/index.html>

2009 ISHS CONFERENCE, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The 21st Conference of the ISHS is being hosted by California State University, Long Beach, from 17 - 20 June 2009. For more information, visit the Conference website <http://www.ishs2009.com/>

Good luck to the AHSN members attending!

2010 ISHS CONFERENCE, HONG KONG

The 22nd Conference of the ISHS will be hosted by The City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, from 24 - 27 June 2010. For more information, visit the ISHS website <http://www.humorstudies.org>

If you are interested in contributing to a planned Round Table on Humour Studies in Australia for this event, please contact Jessica (e-mail at foot of this newsletter).

**2009 INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM OF THE FRENCH HUMOUR STUDIES GROUP
CORHUM, PARIS, 24-26 SEPTEMBER 2009**

The French humour studies group CORHUM (Association pour le développement des recherches sur le comique, le rire et l'humour) is holding its biennial conference from 24-26 September 2009 at the Université de la Sorbonne Nouvelle - Paris III. The conference theme is, "Translating, transposing and adapting humour and the comic: towards a comparative approach to laughter and related notions." Informations pratiques: Ce colloque est organisé dans le cadre des activités du Centre d'Études et de Recherches Comparatistes (CERC, EA 172) de l'Université Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle. Organisatrice : Yen-Mai Tran-Gervat, Maître de conférences, UFR de Littérature Générale et Comparée, Université Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle. Details on the CORHUM web-site:

<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/corhum.humoresques/>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN KROSNO, POLAND, 16-17 April 2010, CALL FOR PAPERS (TOPICS INCLUDE HUMOUR)

The State Higher Vocational School in Krosno, Poland, the Pavel Jozef Safarik University, Slovakia, and the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, are co-organizing the 4th Conference in a series entitled, "**Across Borders IV: Migration in Culture, Language and Literature**".

The conference aims at investigating aspects of culture, language and literature in the context of a world made more mobile than ever before. Intercultural encounters accompanying the movement of individuals and groups receive a variety of expressions and call for a debate in an interdisciplinary context. The organizers of the conference wish to invite scholars to a discussion on subjects related to:

- migration and narration,
- autobiography and identity,
- the other in literature,
- minority cultures and literatures,
- dialectology,
- cross-cultural aspects of translation,
- pragmatics of intercultural communication
- creativity and tradition in cultural communication
- humour in culture and society,
- language contacts,
- cultural and linguistic globalization,
- culture and the teaching of languages.

Conference languages: English (preferable) and Polish (summaries in English required)

Selected papers will be published in a conference proceedings volume.

Organizing Committee:

Dr. Władysław Chłopicki, PWSZ Krosno, Jagiellonian University, Kraków

Prof. Dr. Fritz König, PWSZ Krosno

Dr. Peter Leese, University of Copenhagen

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Doc. Dr. Władysław Witalisz, PWSZ Krosno, Jagiellonian University, Kraków

Paper proposals with abstracts (300 words) should be sent to:

Dorota Rygiel, Conference Secretary

Across Borders Conference 2010

PWSZ w Krośnie

Rynek 1

38-400 Krosno, Poland

or by e-mail to dorota.rygiel@poczta.fm with cc to witalisz@yahoo.com

not later than 20th December 2009. Papers should not extend 20 minutes in presentation.

Conference fees: 200 PLN or 50 €

MESSAGE re BOOK DEALS FOR ISHS MEMBERS FROM ISHS EXEC SEC, MARTIN LAMPERT (Chair of Social Sciences, Holy Names University, Oakland, Calif.)

I reproduce the offers available to ISHS members recently advised by Martin, just to let you know some of the benefits he is negotiating for paying ISHS members, including Associate Members which is very cheap at \$US30 pa. (Associate members receive newsletter, membership directories, bibliography access, and ISHS Conference discounts, but do not receive the Society's journal, "Humor: International Journal of Humor Research").

Christie Davies' *The Mirth of Nations* includes 2 important chapters on Australian jokes and joking typologies (deriving in part from his years at University of Adelaide teaching Engineering undergraduates compulsory English Humanities).

"Also, you might consider taking advantage this summer of our substantial discounts on books from Mouton DeGruyter, Wayne State Press, and Transaction Publishers. Eg Mouton DeGruyter's Humor Research Series....and Wayne State's Life and Letters Series at www.wsupress.wayne.edu with the promotion code, IHS9. Transaction Publishers provides ISHS members a 25% discount on all books in its Humor Studies series, which includes Farce (by Jessica Milner Davis) and The Mirth of Nations (by Christie Davies). To order books in the Transaction Humor Studies series visit the following link, select "Humor Studies," and use the promotion code: ISHS/HUMR. <http://www.transactionpub.com/cgi-bin/transactionpublishers.storefront/EN/addtobasket/UserTemplate.23>

ARE YOU OVER 40? EVEN BETTER, OVER 60? WILLING TO SPEND 15 MINUTES ON-LINE?

Join 200 people from all over the (English speaking) world and contribute to Willi Ruch's humour research in psychology at University of Zurich. Willi is surveying a range of what he tactfully calls "older people" and requests the favour of 15 minutes of your time to complete an on-line survey at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=bLzWrVxppRmBs7aakRvapA_3d_3d

If you are willing to pass this on to some friends and family in the right age-group, Willi would be most grateful. This is not a formal experiment, but relies on a snowball system to gain some diversity of people and group results from a number of countries. It is not important whether you are yourself in research and Willi assures me that the survey is "harmless and complying with the local [Zurich] research ethic committee requirements".

BOOK BY NEW AHSN AUTHOR, JON DOUST: "BOY ON A WIRE"

“A hilarious, angry and sympathetic portrait of boys behaving badly, teeming with sadistic bullies, imperfect heroes, adolescent onanists and ice-cream gorging hedonists.” *The West Australian*

“The boarding school memoir or novel is an enduring literary subgenre, from 1950s classics such as *The Catcher in the Rye* to Curtis Sittenfeld's *Prep*. Doust's recognisably Australian contribution to the genre draws on his own experiences in a West Australian boarding school in this clever, polished, detail-rich debut novel.”

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“This novel is apparently autobiographicalbut Doust has done with his material what so many autobiographical novelists fail to do: he has turned it into a shapely story, with no extraneous material or diversions and with an absolutely consistent and convincing narrative voice.” *Sydney Morning Herald*

Boy on a Wire, by Jon Doust
Fremantle Press, 2009, 24.95.
ISBN 9781921361456

<http://www.fremantlepress.com.au/books/adultfiction/1084>

Jon Doust: "Apparently it's a good read. I haven't read it yet"
[But he liked the speech at his booklaunch by Reg Cribb: read that
At <http://fremantlepress.blogspot.com/>

NEW CD FROM AHSN PRACTITIONER MEMBER, HELENE GROVER

"Lighten Up and Laugh: The Road to Wellbeing"

New CD available from the Sydney-based program "Laughter Strategies" by Helene Grover, author of *Laughaerobics*. \$25 including postage and handling, send cheque or money order to:

Helene Grover

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Yours in humour studies,

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