

SEDERI NEWSLETTER 8.1 (2010)

Communications: Report

In this first issue of the 8th SEDERI NEWSLETTER, you will find, apart from the reports of each of the board members, updated information on our next conference in Porto. This will be our second conference held in Portugal and, as can be collected from the programme, it will surely be an interesting and unforgettable event.

One of the topics to be discussed at our next General Meeting will be the maintenance of the society's website. So far it has been maintained by the same person who designed it. As the contract signed with him has already expired, in my capacity as board member for communications, I tried to manage the website myself; but my very little knowledge of computing and web design has proved insufficient to keep it running as before. That is the reason why a professional webmaster is needed in order to have a fully functional and useful website for SEDERI, since our main objective is to use the website as a forum for information, exchange and discussion among our Society's members.

We look forward to meeting you all in beautiful Porto in a few weeks. ✉ **RAFAEL VÉLEZ**

The Secretary-Treasurer's report for April 2009-April 2010

We are happy to welcome six new members (from Portugal, Spain, Hungary and the United States of America), and thank four others (from Spain), who have discontinued their membership, for their support. In general, we are around 120 members, although a dozen of them need to have their status clarified.

The statement of accounts continues to show a tendency to decrease, despite the fee rise to 30€. The negative balance is higher than what we had made allowance for mostly because of unbudgeted expenses on our Yearbook and higher printing costs. Moreover, the Society has had to cover the whole amount for the Young Researchers Award (double what had been budgeted), and the obnoxious charges and commissions for bank transactions have turned out to double the previous estimate.

The card payment facility in our website is in full order and has allowed 8 members to pay their fees. Only one member from the United States has had unfortunate problems and every effort to solve it has, alas, been unsuccessful so far.

The distribution list, proposed in our general meeting in 2009, has been created at the Irislist Service of the RedIris network. Its address is sederi@listserv.rediris.es and it also has a website at <http://www.rediris.es/list/info/sederi.html>. All members are list subscribers, a status that is currently moderated by me, as administrator(owner) of the list. Only subscribers can send and receive messages (and their attachments) through the list. We trust that it will prove to be a useful tool in our communications.

A list of members on our webpage, also proposed in our last general meeting, is still "under construction", as we wait for a considerable number of members to give their consent by replying to a message I sent on 22 March.

Sederi Yearbook report 2010

The last issue of *Sederi Yearbook* came out in October 2009, within the established time limits, and was distributed among our members and a long list of academic institutions. We hope that you all received your copy and enjoyed its contents. It contained 11 contributions and over 30 experts collaborated in the selection and reviewing process.

For the next issue, *Sederi 20*, the selection process has finished and now we are working on the final revisions, so we expect to start with the layout before the summer.

As you all know, *Sederi Yearbook* was shortlisted by FECYT in 2008 as being among the top-quality journals published across all scientific areas in Spain. This has been an important boost for our journal

that needs to be publicized as much as possible. For Spanish academics it is important to know that it is factored positively for the achievement of “sexenios”. But we need to work hard to maintain this recognition. One of the elements that is counted by the FECYT and other evaluation committees is the number of contributions submitted for consideration to journals; it is required that a journal receives at least 20 contributions for each issue, so it is in the hands of the members of our Society to send their work to SEDERI and encourage other scholars to do the same. We also encourage members to write and submit book, film and play reviews and remind them to send copies of their new publications to Paco Borge so that we can find reviewers for their work.

The last issue of *Sederi Yearbook* was sent to *wok*, a process that has been made possible by the FECYT’s positive evaluation, but of course now we need to wait for the result of the *wok* evaluation with fingers crossed. The FECYT also invited us to follow a course by the FECYT on the management of an internet-based tool that enables editors to manage the whole editorial process on-line, from the reception of manuscripts to the final publication of the volume. We are now working on it and we hope to be able to start working on the next issue with this new platform. Of course, this innovation also contributes to maintaining the high standard of our journal but we will make sure not to make the process more complicated for authors and readers, rather the opposite.

Just a final word about referees; in the last two issues we have counted on the generous collaboration of an important number of scholars who have made possible that each of the articles was selected and revised with considerable expertise. As this is an anonymous process, their work is silent and has no evident recognition, but we want to thank all of them for their dedication and generosity that makes it possible to maintain the quality of the journal. We need as many experts as possible in the most diverse fields to continue collaborating with SEDERI.

All this work would not have been possible without the collaboration of the editorial board and, of course, the work of Francisco Borge, the editor for reviews, and Ana Sáez, co-editor of the yearbook. ♥

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Conferences: Report

As you all know, the 21st SEDERI Conference will be held in Porto, on 22-24 April, under the title “Ports and Piers and Roads: Self and World in Early Modern Culture.” Over fifty people have already confirmed their attendance.

The provisional programme is now available at <http://web.letras.up.pt/sederi2010/programme.html>.

The webpage also includes a PDF copy of the programme, that you can easily download.

Please note that:

1. This is yet a provisional programme;
2. Only registered delegates will be allowed to read papers at the conference.
3. The deadline for regular registration was 20 March 2010. The electronic platform that hosts our registration form has been programmed (by the host university) to charge a higher registration fee beyond this date (please refer to the amounts indicated in our Call for Papers at <http://web.letras.up.pt/sederi2010/papers.html>).
4. The conference dinner will be a ticketed event. It will have a cost of 30€ (thirty euros), to be paid to the conference secretariat on the first day of the conference. It will take place at the Círculo Universitário do Porto (<http://www.cup.up.pt>), a Faculty club within walking distance of the conference venue.
5. The conference dinner will be followed by a recital of Early Modern European Music. This, however, will be open to all delegates (and independent from the conference dinner).

We look forward to seeing you all in Porto.