
CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR NEXT AHSN COLLOQUIUM, 13-14 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 13th and Sunday 14th February 2010** (please note the correction to previously announced dates).

The AHSN web-site now has full details for **Registration and Call for Papers** (please click on Events, and then Current Events).

Closing date for Proposals: 9th October

Please use the form attached or available on the web-site.

The Colloquium theme: "Risk-Taking and Transgression in Humour".

Papers need not be restricted to the preferred theme, certainly not in the usual Post-Graduate Section. All proposals are reviewed by 2 or more members of the AHSN Review Panel (details on the web-site) and approved presenters are expected to register in the normal way, via the Womens College, using the Registration Form posted on the web-wite.

Registration is open until 9 January 2010.

Please don't hesitate to email me directly with any queries or (email address at foot of this e-newsletter). See also the next news-item below.....

SPECIAL PANEL ON "HUMOUR AND THE LAW" FOR THE AHSN COLLOQUIUM, 13-14 FEBRUARY 2010, AT WOMENS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

I'm very pleased to announce that in a happy coincidence with the Faculty of Law at University of Sydney, **Visiting Professor Laura E. Little** (ISHS member), from Temple University Philadelphia, with her colleague, **Dr David Rolph** of Sydney University, will be presenting a panel on **humour and the law** on the first day of the Colloquium. They will be joined by **Dr Catherine Curtis**, Hon. Assoc., Dept of History, University of Sydney, who will present an Early Modern period view of **humour and the power of the Crown**. We will all go away the wiser for knowing how to keep our heads while joking!

An additional invited speaker will be **George Major**, Research Associate in Linguistics at Macquarie University, who will present on "Being (in)appropriate with workplace humour", recent findings of the long-term Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, study into "**Language in the Workplace**", led by AHSN member Prof. Janet Holmes.

RESEARCH REQUEST FROM DR GRAEME RITCHIE, UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN -- CAN YOU HELP WITH EXAMPLES OF HUMOUR?

When Graeme was on sabbatical at Macquarie University, he presented on linguistic theories of humour at the April 2002 Colloquium. Now he writes from the Dept of Computer Studies in Aberdeen seeking help:

"We have a project here which is looking at what is sometimes known as "register-based" humour (cf. Attardo 1994, Chapter 7). That is, humour created by the inappropriate use of

particular words or phrases, which clash with the style or tone of the surrounding discourse. An example:

"Cancel my appointments for this afternoon, Miss Runcie. I'm rapping with my son."

We are rather short of examples of this phenomenon, particularly examples which are wholly textual, as opposed to cartoons where the wording clashes with something in the picture. If you have **any good examples** of this type of humour, I'd be very grateful if you could send them to me. Or if you know of a **good source** of this humour, a pointer would be very useful.

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SPECIAL DEALS ON TWO NEW HUMOUR RESEARCH BOOKS

John Benjamins is offering a **very special book discount** (50% off list price) for the newly released "Humor in Interaction", edited by Delia Chiaro and Neal Norrick (ISHS members). You can order this text with the attached order form or online with the promotion code, "ISHS - Member" (if you are one).

John Benjamins also offers the paperback edition of Wally Chafe's book, "The Importance of Not Being Earnest." The paperback version does not come with a discount, but is only \$35 (less than the hardcover version with the 50% ISHS discount. **Note:** ISHS members are also entitled to substantial discounts for the humour research series books published by Transaction and Mouton de Gruyter..

WALKING THE KOKODA TRAIL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER CHILDREN: MARK GLADMAN, AHSN MEMBER AND COMEDIAN-SPEAKER-AUTHOR

Mark The Gladman's Queensland-based professional web-site is: www.markgladman.com
To see Mark as mobile puppet "Mr Giggle" for the Camp Quality Children's Cancer Support Team, visit www.tinyurl.com/giggleqld
Mark says of this role:

"It allows me to work my comedy material in the area of responding to the moment in an environment that keeps you on your toes: live, children and parents in a difficult situation, surrounded by medical professionals, no second chances!" Also to pick up new jokes eg one written by Jake, brother of Samantha at Royal Children's Hospital in Brisbane:

Q: Where do cows go for holidays?

A: To MOOloolaba!"

To help **sponsor Mark's Miles on the Trail**, visit:
www.tinyurl.com/kokodamark

BON VOYAGE TO WILL NOONAN, ADMINISTRATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Will is nearing completion of his co-tutelle PhD studies at University of Sydney and Universite de Provence and is ready to undergo his double exams (oral before a public audience in France in the traditional fashion). He's accepted a position at the Sorbonne at Lecteur es Langues for 2009-2010 -- so this is to thank him for his **invaluable help in running our**

AHSN web-site and technical support at the last two Colloquia -- as well as presenting his own fine papers!

Bon Voyage, Will, from all of us. And come home before too long...

**FROM DR XIAO DONG YUE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG,
CO-ORDINATOR OF THE 2010 ISHS CONFERENCE**

"The 2010 ISHS Conference will be held on **June 24–27, 2010**, at the City University of Hong Kong (CityU), which is located under the Lion Rock in Hong Kong.

"Lying in the heart of Asia, Hong Kong is one of the world's most fascinating, stimulating centres where cultures of the East and West co-exist in harmony. We will be delighted to welcome you to this 22nd International ISHS Humor Conference. Following tradition, we would like this conference to be held as a distinguished forum of scientific discussions and exchanges in humor studies as well as a place for enjoying jokes, laughter, and humor.

We hope that the participation of researchers, experts, academics and professionals from all areas of humor will be very high both in number and quality of their contributions and encourage everyone to enjoy during these days this wonderful city and university! Hope to see you all in Hong Kong in June 2010."

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**LAFLA: LINGUISTIC APPROACHES TO FUNNINESS, AMUSEMENT AND LAUGHTER -
- 1st International Symposium, University of Łódź, Łódź, Poland, March 24–26
2010**

This conference is convened to provide a forum for linguists interested in the area of humor research. The primary objectives will be to explore the nature of multifarious humorous phenomena and to enhance methodological tools used in **humor studies across a variety of linguistic disciplines**. More specifically, the organizers invite papers addressing all manner of manifestations of humor, funniness, amusement, and laughter, such as: canned jokes; one-liners; witticisms; anecdotes; teasing; banter; wordplay; rhetorical figures, e.g. humorous irony or humorous metaphors; parody, satire; laughter in discourse; non-verbal humor. There is no limitation in terms of medium or discourse, or in terms of theoretical frameworks subscribing to linguistic disciplines.

The registration fee of 150 euros covers a set of conference materials, coffee breaks with refreshments, and access to the Internet facilities. A selection of conference papers will be published with an international publisher. The submission deadline is November 1, 2009. For further information visit: <http://ia.uni.lodz.pl/pragmatics/events/lafal>.

Yours in humour studies,

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