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This issue of the newsletter contains several items of note. In particular, please note the members survey for upcoming Annual meeting locations. The survey can be submitted by regular mail or via the internet by going to <http://www.southalabama.edu/archaeology/survey.html>. Also in this issue of the newsletter is information on submitting materials for the 2003 Alf Heggoy Book prize, news from our colleagues, and the call for papers for the 2005 FCHS annual meeting to be held in Wolfville/Grand Pre, Nova Scotia.

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Although information on the upcoming 2004 annual meeting in Washington is still trickling in, this issue of the newsletter also includes a preliminary overview. Additional details and registration information will be posted on the FCHS webpage (www.frenchcolonial.org) in early February and will appear in the next newsletter.

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President's Message

As 2004 opens, the Society is flourishing, as the contents of this Newsletter attest. After the rapid appearance of three volumes in late 2002 and early 2003, *French Colonial History* is now returning to an annual publication schedule, with volume 5 appearing this May. The Society has just signed a multi-year contract by which Michigan State University Press will continue to publish the journal. The one area of weakness is the small number of library subscriptions. It would be helpful if members would urge libraries at institutions with which they are associated to subscribe to *French Colonial History*. Besides excellent articles and low rates, subscribers also have access to an electronic version of current and back issues via Project Muse on the world-wide web. The Society and MSU Press have tried to ensure that all members have received proper copies of *FCH* for the years when they were members between the cessation of the *Proceedings* and the start of the journal's publication. But we may have missed some. If you have any problems of non-receipt of issues, please contact Bill Newbigging or Bob DuPlessis, whose regular and e-mail addresses can be found on the front of this newsletter and on the Society's website (www.frenchcolonial.org/Directory.html).

Besides the virtual Society of the Newsletter, our annual meetings bring our members together in stimulating and convivial settings. Many of us still have vivid memories of the Toulouse gathering, and in just a few months we will be assembling in Washington, D.C. Preparations for the meeting, to take place on May 5-8, are taking final form thanks to the outstanding efforts of Fred Quinn, local arrangements chair, and Sylvie Dépatie and Mike Vann, the program co-chairs.

Looking further ahead, the Society is already planning for future conferences. The first call for papers for the 2005 meeting to be held in Wolfville/Grand Pré Nova Scotia is printed elsewhere in the Newsletter. The Executive Committee is also asking members to take a moment to answer a questionnaire about some suggested venues for 2006 and 2007, which is also printed below. The task of compiling the results will be eased if you use the web option, but if you prefer to fill out a printed form, please return it before January 31.

For many years, the Society has awarded the Alf Heggoy Prize for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the sixteenth to the twentieth century, and recently we have begun to award the W.J. Eccles Prize to the graduate student or recent post-graduate student judged to have presented the best paper at the annual meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society and subsequently published in *French Colonial History*. In an effort to assure these prizes of a firm financial basis for the future, the Society is launching an appeal for donations, which can be found in this Newsletter.

Finally, a correction is in order to my entry in September's Newsletter. As many of you doubtless realized, the Society's first meeting in France did not take place in La Rochelle in 1995, but in Poitiers in 1996. An embarrassing pair of mistakes for a historian and a participant!

Best wishes for 2004 and I look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Alf Andrew Heggoy Book Prize, 2003

Each year the French Colonial Historical Society presents a book in honor of one of its founding members, Alf Andrew Heggoy. Book prize recognition includes an award of US \$350 for the best book published during the previous year dealing with the French colonial experience from the 16th to the 20th century. Books from any academic discipline will be considered but they must approach the consideration of the French colonial experience from an historical perspective. The deadline for this year is March 1, 2004. The award will be announced at the annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society in Washington DC in May 2004.

Applicants or their publishers should send a copy of the books published in 2003 to each of the prize committee members:

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Colleagues at Work

Jacques Binoche has recently published *Histoire des Etats-Unis* (Paris: Ellipses, 2003).

Elizabeth Childs is currently working on painting and photography in colonial Tahiti 1880-1910. Her book *Daumier and Exoticism: Satirizing the French and the Foreign* is forthcoming in 2004 from Peter Lang Press.

Nathalie Dessens' book entitled *Myths of the Plantation Society: Slavery in the American South and the West Indies* is forthcoming from the University Press of Florida.

Stephen Esposito is interested in hearing from fellow members of the FCHS with a focus on French Indochina and culture.

Eric Jarvis presented a paper at the Biennial meeting of the American Council for Quebec Studies in Mobile, Alabama (October 24-27, 2003) entitled "A Dangerous Precedent: French Catholic Political Rights in Mobile, British West Florida and the Denial of Assembly Government in Post-conquest Quebec."

A.J.B. (John) Johnston has coauthored a book with W. P. Kerr due out in the spring of 2004 that will appear in both English- and French-language versions by Nimbus Publishing. The two titles of that book are *Grand-Pré: Heart of Acadie* and *Grand-Pré : Coeur de l'Acadie*. His

article entitled "Imagining Paradise: Visual depictions of Pre-Deportation Acadia, 1850-2000" will be appearing in the next issue of the Journal of Canadian Studies. This is a companion piece to the article that will be published in Vol. 5 of French Colonial History that deals with the archetype of an Acadian paradise lost.

Else Jongeneel is interested in 20th century French travel literature. Dr. Jongeneel has an article in press on Gide's Travels in the Congo and is affiliated with the Department of Romance Languages and Comparative Literature, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

Nicolas Landry has published an article entitled "La Société de Lasson-Daccarrette à Plaisance 1700-1715" in *Newfoundland Studies* vol 17 no. 2 (2001) pp. 220-256.

Gilles-Antoine Langlois recently presented a website entitled "Louisiana" at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries (SHD) held in New Orleans, October 23-26, 2003. The website, which was prepared for the Ministère de la Culture in Paris, can be found at www.louisiane.culture.fr. His book on the urbanisation of 18th century Louisiana is also now available: Gilles-Antoine Langlois, *Des villes pour la Louisiane française, Théorie et pratique de l'urbanistique coloniale au 18e siècle*, (Paris, L'Harmattan, coll. "Villes et Entreprises", 2003), 452 pp.

John Moran recently completed *Une Société de départ des émigrants français vers le Canada: l'ancien diocèse d'Angoulême 1608-1790*, Mémoire de DEA sous la direction de Joseph Guy, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Juin 2003.

Kenneth Orosz finished his PhD in October 2003 and was promoted to Assistant Professor at the University of Maine at Farmington. His dissertation is entitled "Religious Conflict and the Evolution of Language Policy in German and French Cameroon, 1885-1939."

James Pritchard's *In Search of Empire: the French in the Americas, 1670-1730* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2003.

Vincent Remillard is conducting research on French Canadian culture and history. He is also interested in Franco-American cultures and history in the USA.

Ronald Rompkey has completed the manuscript for an anthology entitled *La Partie du Vent: L'Émergence de Terre-Neuve dans les Écrits Français, 1814-1914*.

Ryme Seferdjeli is completing his dissertation entitled "Fight with us, women, and we will emancipate you: France, the FLN and the Struggle over Women during the Algerian War of National Liberation 1954-1962," at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The dissertation focuses on French colonial policy towards women and their involvement during the war.

Bruce Vandervort is publishing *Small Wars in the New World: the North American Indian War, 1815-1890* with Routledge (London) Press in 2004.

Notices

A website entitled Nouvelle-France, horizons nouveaux. Histoire d'une terre française en Amérique can be found at <http://www.archivescanadafrance.org/>

Centenary College of Louisiana has created a university press that specializes in texts written in the heritage languages spoken in the Louisiana Purchase territory. You can look at the first six books (there will be 12 this year) at: www.centenary.edu/editions. Since the vast majority of the books that they intend to print will be in French, this press will undoubtedly be of interest to members.

Serge Desbois has recently published a new book entitled *Le Rendez-vous Manqué: des colonnes Charton et Le Page, Indochine*. For more information on his book see his webpage at <http://www.desbois-indo.fr.st>

Calls for Papers

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific has announced a call for papers for its 27th annual international conference entitled *African Renewal, African Renaissance: New Perspectives on Africa's Past and Africa's Present*. The conference will be held at the University of Western Australia, Perth Australia from November 26-28, 2004. Papers on any aspect of Africa, as well as on comparative approaches, are welcome. Proposals should be sent to Dr. Jeremy Martens AFSAAP 2004 Organiser, History Discipline, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway Crawley, Western Australia 6009, Australia. Dr. Martens can be reached by telephone at 61 (0) 8-9380-2154 or via e-mail at jmartens@arts.uwa.edu.au

The Program in Louisiana and Caribbean Studies at Louisiana State University announces a call for papers for the Program's inaugural event entitled *Beyond the Islands: Extending the Meaning of Caribbean Cultures* to be held April 21-24, 2004. One page proposals should be sent by February 6, 2004 to Terri Ruckel, Department of English, Louisiana State University, 260 Allen, Baton Rouge, LA 70803 or via e-mail to truck1@lsu.edu.

The 2004 World History Association Program Committee invites proposals for individual papers, panels and roundtables on topics related to the scholarly and/or pedagogical aspects of one of the following themes: 1) Globalizing Social History; 2) Empires before 1500; 3) Diasporas in World History. Proposals outside these themes will also be considered. The 2004 WHA conference will be held June 17-20, 2004 at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Proposal submission forms and additional information can be found at the WHA webpage (<http://www.thewha.org>).

James Marten, Professor of History at Marquette University, is soliciting contributions for an anthology on children in colonial North America. Essays should examine the experiences of European, African and Native American children and youth in North America between the early 16th to the mid 18th centuries. Proposals will be considered on topics related to British colonies as well as to the Spanish colonies in Florida and the Southwest and to the French colonies in Canada and the Great Lakes region. Interested scholars should e-mail one page proposals and brief c.v.s by March 31, 2004 to James Marten at james.marten@marquette.edu.

Professors Femi Kolapo and Kwabena Akurang-Parry are putting together a festschrift in honor of Professor Sydney Kanya-Forstner of the York University, History Department, Toronto. For more information see <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=135132> or contact Femi Kolapo, History Department, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1G 2K8; or Kwabena Akurang-Parry, History Department, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, 1871 Old Main Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257.

FCHS Call for Papers

« Frontiers and Borders in the French Colonial Empire »
 French Colonial Historical Society
 31st Congress
 Nova Scotia (Canada)
 June 1-4, 2005

The 31st annual conference of the French Colonial Historical Society will take place on the campus of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, from 1-4 June 2005. The location was selected because of the two important events in the history of the French overseas being marked that year. 2005 is the 400th anniversary of the founding of a habitation on the shores of Port-Royal (Annapolis Basin, Nova Scotia) by the Sieur de Mons and other French colonists ; and also the 250th anniversary of the beginning in 1755 of eight years of deportations of Acadians from Nova Scotia. Acadia University is located a few minutes from the evocative Acadian site at Grand-Pre, and one hour from the reconstructed Habitation of 1605 and the charming town of Annapolis Royal (the former capital of Acadie, Port-Royal).

Researchers are invited to analyze the relationship between French colonial authorities, their respective peoples and their neighbors, and also to examine the interactions between colonial populations (e.g., between Acadians and Canadians in the 18th century). They might also reflect on the foundations and discords within French colonies : connections and conflicts between the French and the colonized peoples, maintenance and adaptation of the French heritage in the colonies, continuity and change between pre and postcolonial periods. The impact of race and gender in the creation of and conflict within colonial regimes are also possible topics, as are the tension between France s republican ideals and the authoritarian nature of the empire, and the integration of colonial history into the fabric of French national history. The program chairs will, however, be pleased to receive proposals on any subject related to the history of the French empire.

The program co-chairs have decided to split the task of organizing the conference program. Josette Brun (josette.brun@com.ulaval.ca) and Maurice Basque (basquem@umoncton.ca) will be in charge of papers and panels dealing with the pre-19th-Century empire (please send proposals to both addresses). William Shorrock (w.shorrock@csuohio.edu) will deal with papers and panels relating to the 19th and 20th-Century empire.

Please submit proposals for papers and/or panels electronically to the appropriate co-chairperson. Proposals must be accompanied by a 100-200 word summary of the topic. The deadline for submission of proposals is September 15, 2004.

Additional information about the 2005 annual conference and about the French Colonial Historical Society will be posted as it becomes available on the website (www.frenchcolonial.org). Specific questions about the program can be addressed to members of the program committee as indicated above.

Appel de communications

« Fondations et ruptures au sein de l'empire colonial français »
 Société d'histoire coloniale française
 31^e congrès
 Nouvelle-Écosse (Canada)
 1-4 juin 2005

La Société d'histoire coloniale française sollicite des projets de communications individuelles, ou des propositions pour des séances entières portant sur diverses facettes de l'histoire coloniale française, pour son congrès de 2005 qui aura lieu à la Acadia University, à Wolfville, en Nouvelle-Écosse, du 1^{er} au 4 juin. Ces présentations peuvent ou non toucher au thème retenu, *Fondations et ruptures*, qui fait référence au 400^e anniversaire de la fondation de Port-Royal en Acadie française et au 250^e anniversaire des débuts de la Déportation des Acadiens de la Nova Scotia. La Acadia University est située à quelques minutes du site historique de Grand-Pré, et à une heure du site de l'Habitation reconstituée de 1605 et de la charmante ville d'Annapolis Royal.

Les chercheurs sont invités à dégager la nature des rapports entre les colonies françaises, leurs populations respectives et leurs voisins, et à s'intéresser aux liens entre les habitants de différentes colonies (par exemple, entre Acadiens et Canadiens aux XVII^e et XVIII^e siècles). On peut également réfléchir aux fondements et déchirements au sein de ces colonies françaises d'outre-mer : liens et conflits entre les Français et les peuples colonisés, transferts culturels entre anciens et nouveaux mondes, continuité et rupture entre les périodes pré et postcoloniales. L'impact des considérations raciales et du « genre », c'est-à-dire la conception du féminin et du masculin, dans la fondation et les tourments des régimes coloniaux, constitue une autre piste de recherche à explorer, tout comme la tension entre les idéaux républicains de la France et le caractère autoritaire de l'empire et l'intégration de l'histoire coloniale dans la trame de l'histoire nationale française. Tous les sujets relatifs à l'histoire coloniale française seront cependant les bienvenus.

Les membres du comité du programme ont décidé de se partager la tâche. Josette Brun (josette.brun@com.ulaval.ca) et Maurice Basque (basquem@umoncton.ca) s'occupent des communications et des séances touchant à la période précédant le XIX^e siècle (s.v.p. envoyer les propositions aux deux adresses) et William Shorrock (w.shorrock@csuohio.edu) se charge des communications et des séances portant sur les XIX^e et XX^e siècles.

Veillez s.v.p. envoyer les projets de communication par courriel aux personnes appropriées. Un résumé de 100 à 200 mots doit accompagner le projet proposé. La date limite pour l'envoi de propositions est fixée au 15 septembre 2004.

Vous trouverez des informations additionnelles sur le congrès et sur la Société d'histoire coloniale française sur le site www.frenchcolonial.org. Les questions précises peuvent être adressées aux membres du comité du programme, identifiés ci-haut.

French Colonial Historical Society
Society/Société d histoire coloniale française
Annual Meeting
Washington, DC
May 5-May 8, 2004

The 30th Anniversary meeting of the FCHS will be held Wednesday, May 5, through Saturday, May 8, 2004 in Washington, D.C. The conference hotel will be the Rosslyn Holiday Inn at Key Bridge, just across the Potomac River from Georgetown. The hotel address is: 1900 North Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, Va. 22209. Complimentary parking at the hotel. (There are two Holiday Inns in the neighborhood, be sure to come to the "Rosslyn at Key Bridge Holiday Inn," one block from the Rosslyn Metro stop.

Fifty rooms with two double beds in each room will allow room sharing. The rooms have been reserved until April 14, 2004. Make your own reservation by calling: 1-800-368-3408. Rates: \$119 plus tax: total \$130.60 per night. Reservation deadline for this rate is April 14, 2004.

We are trying to keep costs down (the room rates are 25% less than what they would be in D.C.), and have reserved three conference rooms in the hotel for sessions. The Shenendoah Suite on the hotel's second floor. has rooms rooms that are spacious and can be combined for plenary sessions. A coffee-juice service will be included.

Attendees will receive information at registration on how to use Metro, museum opening hours, and Kennedy Center and other cultural offerings.

Two evening events are planned: Thursday, May 6: a 6:30 pm reception-dinner where Frederick Quinn will present a short program of recorded music on The French Overseas Empire in Opera and Popular Music including excerpts from Bizet, Puccini, Charles Trenet, Josephine Baker, Edith Piaff, and others. The Thursday reception will be held at Bacon House, 1801 F Street, N.W., a block west of the White House. Chief Justice John Marshall and several other Supreme Court justices have lived there. Eventually it became the property of Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired (DACOR) who have retained its original art objects, paintings, and other objects. A visit to Bacon House is dropping in to the total ambiance of a different era.

On Saturday, May 8, at 6 p.m. the closing banquet will be held at the historic Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue. The dinner will feature specialties the French took to or imported from its colonies, prepared by Chef Bernard, who studied in France. After dinner entertainment with a French Colonial theme is on the boards.

Sight seeing tours are easily available and most tourist sites are accessible via Metro. Washington in the springtime is among the most attractive time to visit that city.

Information about registration and other fees will be posted on the Society's website (www.frenchcolonial.org) in early February. Please check the website at that time. Registration information and the preliminary program will also be published in the April Newsletter. Over 90 presentations have been proposed for the Washington meeting.

FCHS Member Survey

The French Colonial Historical Society expects to receive three proposals to host our 2006 and/or 2007 annual meetings in locations outside of North America. Before committing to one or more of these proposals, the Executive Committee would like to ascertain the sentiments of the Society's members. You may submit this questionnaire online at <http://www.southalabama.edu/archaeology/survey.html> or mail this form to the address below. Thank you for your thoughts.

(1) The proposals are likely to present the following choices. Given these choices, which meeting venues would you prefer?

Please choose one venue for the year 2006 (check one):

- Dakar, Senegal
- Tunis, Tunisia
- Not sure

Please choose one venue for the year 2007 (check one):

- La Rochelle, France
- Tunis, Tunisia
- Not sure

(2) If one of these venues were chosen for the meeting each year, how many of these meetings are you likely to attend? (check one)

- One
- Both
- Neither
- Not sure

(3) Would you prefer a North American location for a meeting in one of these years? (check one)

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

(4) Any additional comments?

(5) Your name here (optional):

Send this survey form (by 15 February 2004, please) to:

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**French Colonial Historical Society
Société d Histoire Coloniale Française**

2003-2004 Membership Dues*

Please complete the form below and mail to:

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_____ Regular FCHS/SHCF membership (\$30 US funds or \$40 Canadian funds) as determined at the 1995 meeting, Sidney, N.S. Members receive copies of the Newsletter and the annual issue of our journal French Colonial History. Make checks payable to the French Colonial Historical Society.

_____ Student membership (US \$15 or CDN \$20)

_____ Contribution to W.J. Eccles Memorial Prize Fund (any currency accepted).

_____ Contribution to Alf Heggoy Memorial Book Prize Fund (any currency accepted).

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

***Membership runs from annual conference to annual conference.**

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