3-year Report, 2020-22

**Indian Association of Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies (IACLALS)**

The current executive of IACLALS (the Indian chapter of ACLALS) took charge in February, 2020. Within weeks Corona pandemiv struck in March, 2020, and everything came to a standstill. After several months we got our acts together and began our activities online to maintain a sense of continuity. Most our activities still continue to be carried out online. In the last three years IACLALS had held the following annual conferences:

1. “Reimagi(ni)ng Identities in the Global South: Challenges, Transgressions and Articulation”, Co-Hosted by The Department Of English, Jadavpur University February 5-7, 2020.
2. “Utopias and Dystopias in Our Times”, (ONLINE) Co-hosted by Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University March 17-20, 2021.
3. “Circulations, Mediations, Negotiations: New Perspectives on Translation from South Asia”, (ONLINE) Co-hosted by Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, March 2-5, 2022

In each of the above conferences we held twelve business sessions in which papers were read out, two special sessions surrounding two prizes given away by the IACLALS annually - The Meenakshi Mukherjee Memorial Prize for the best paper published by a member in the last two years and C D Narsimhaiah Prize for the best paper presented during the conference, in addition to several plenaries, the inaugural and the valedictory sessions. During the same period IACLALS held three online lectures in the series “Distinguished Lectures” on themes and aspects of English Studies and Postcolonial Literature.

We published the fifth issue of our annual journal on the theme, “Post-truth: Phenomenon, Reflections, Ramifications” in 2021. It contained, besides the editorial, 17 scholarly articles addressing different aspects of post-truth, and several book reviews. The journal is available in both print and electronic versions. We also published the ninth and tenth issue of our e-Newsletters, the latest one is the most extensive so far, running into 113 pages of reading materials encompassing the following sections:

Tributes/ Obituaries

Reports of Conferences/Seminars/Symposia, ogganized/attended by members

New Publications by members

Awards/Honours/Achievements

Creative Writing Section

New Cfps/Notices

We held a memorial meeting for Professor Shubhendu Mund, former vice chair of IACLALS who passed away on May 28, 2021.

The IACLALS executive held 10 online meetings through the above period to discuss policy issues, events to be organized, journals to be published and future course of action.

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