

ASSOCIATION DES SECTIONS INTERNATIONALES BRITANNIQUES ET ANGLOPHONES

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Dear Member

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As the hectic *rentrée* period is now well behind us and we are looking forward to the *Toussaints* break I wanted to send you all a brief newsletter on recent events and activities and ASIBA's continuing work this year in the defence, support and promotion of the British version of the OIB.

Board Meeting

Our first Board meeting of the year took place on 26th September, with the proposed reforms of the History/Geography programme being the main topic on the agenda. Representatives of ASIBA are striving with others from the OIB community to ensure that the relevant officials of the MEN take into account the legitimate pedagogical concerns of the schools and respect the obligation of meaningful consultation before decision are taken and/or implemented.

The Minutes will appear on the website very soon.

Please note that an unexpected funding requirement arose due to the restriction in the DRIC budget for the food and accommodation expenses of the autumn teacher-examiner meetings, which fortunately ASIBA has been able to cover from its reserves.

Website <http://www.asiba.info>

The website remains one of our major achievements and has developed into an impressive repository of information for all those interested in the OIB, available in both languages. Please do not forget that Minutes of meetings are posted so that you can be aware of ASIBA's recent activities and current projects.

New Members

Last year we welcomed the **Lycée des Pontonniers, Strasbourg** and its parent association **APELEVIS Strasbourg** as well as **Notre-Dame Saint-Sigisbert, Nancy** and **Lycée Gustave Flaubert, Rouen** as new members and we are grateful to them and indeed all our members for their continuing support.

College Pierre Danlou, Boulogne-Sur-Mer has applied to join this year and we are pleased to welcome them. In addition the **Lycée français Singapore** has also expressed a wish to join.

We would also hope to welcome the **Ecole Internationale de Manosque**, the **Lycée Montebello, Lille** and the **Lycée Jeanne d'Arc, Clermont Ferrand** as new members this year.

Change in Board

We are pleased to welcome **Anna Parry** (EAB Etoile parent), who was elected at the last AGM, as a Director of ASIBA. *We stress that we are always open to other members, whether representatives of a school/section or of a parents' association, who would like to become involved in the work of ASIBA.*

Rob Miller has replaced John Cadden as the Head of Section at the CSI Lyon and accordingly has taken on John's role as Director and Vice President of ASIBA. We thank John for his services to the association of recent years.

New OIB Schools

In view of the ever-increasing number of new schools proposing the OIB, with a view to maintaining the high standards of the OIB and protecting its educational standing and ethos, ASIBA wishes to assist new schools by offering them a one-day visit from two ASIBA representatives at the early preparatory stage to assist in the understanding of the OIB programme. ASIBA would bear the travelling, food and eventually accommodation expenses but the volunteer representatives would not be remunerated.

New Logo

One of our projects is to find a new logo for ASIBA one which reflects better our activities and goals. Any suggestion should be addressed to our webmaster Derek Erb at asiba@balzac-apesa.org

The President and the Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support of our association and of the British version of the OIB.

Yours sincerely

David Gage, Secretary, ASIBA