

ECARE Committee Report

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By Emanuelle Santos, Committee Chair

This year we have worked with Prof Marc Maufort to have the book awarded by the I First Book Subvention Prize, *Cannibal Translation. Literary Reciprocity in Contemporary Latin America* (2023) by Izabel Gomez reviewed in the journal *Recherche littéraire / Literary Research*. A review is in production and will be published in the 2024 issue of the journal.

We have issued a call for applications to the II First Book Subvention Prize and submissions are currently being assessed by peer reviewers. We expect to announce the winner in the next couple of months, to then ensue with the process of getting the awarded book reviewed. We plan to launch the next call for applications for the 3rd round of the First Book Subvention Prize and the 1st round of the Best Translation Prize by October 2024 so that we can process the prizes and reveal the winners at the 2025 Congress in Seoul.

We have also been working in close collaboration with the 2025 Congress Organizing Committee with the help of Prof Youngmin Kim to develop the ECARE strand of the programme in the conference, which includes activities such as:

- A special **Welcome Reception** for graduate students and early career researchers attending the Congress hosted by the ICLA Executive Council, the Officers of the ICLA, and the Congress Organising Committee from Dongguk University.
- **ECARE Workshop** led by established researchers in the field addressing pressing issues in the profession.
- **The ECARE Business Meeting** during the Congress where graduate students and early career researchers can bring forward ideas for how the ICLA can further support graduate students and early career researchers within the discipline of comparative literature.
- **NEXT GEN Seminars** especially dedicated for papers presented by graduate students and early career researchers to give them an opportunity to present new ideas and new approaches in comparative literature based on their research.

In the months leading up to the 2025 Congress, our attention will be devoted to building the ECARE strand of the programme, which in the 2022 Congress received over 40 applications to its seminar series in addition to participation in the social and capacitation events. Nonetheless, we seek to develop two initiatives in time to be launched during the Congress in Seoul:

- ECARE Online Capacitation Event (at the midpoint of 18 months between Congresses)
- ECARE Mentoring Scheme

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