



London, 20/4/2001

Dear Member,

First of all we would like to thank all panel members and officers for their work during the past year.

You will be pleased to hear that the first part of our conference on **Kinder- und Jugendliteratur** (Nov 2000) was very successful. Our thanks go to everybody involved! Please find enclosed the programme and enrolment form for the second part to be held on **June 9, 2001 at the Goethe Institute London**. Please send the enclosed Enrolment Form to **Dr Susan Tebbutt**.

Our next conference will be on: **Berlin 2001: A City Odyssey**, to be held on the **17th November 2001** at the London School of Economics. **Dr Joanne Leal** is currently organising this event and further details will be circulated in due course.

We are delighted to announce that the **Standing Conference on ab initio German in the UK and Ireland** joined our Association at our Annual General Meeting in November 2000. As a result of this and our aim to concentrate some of our activities on the challenges for language teaching at various levels, it is planned to organise a conference on ab initio German next year. We are still interested in addressing the interests/needs of German language teacher e.g. at University Language Centres teaching German to non-linguists and would like to encourage them to join the AMGS.

Michael Jones (former Chair of the Standing Conference) has accepted the Honorary Membership of the AMGS and **Geraldine Mitchell** (Secretary) has joined the Panel and has also agreed to look after our new AMGS members in Ireland. However, we are still looking for a panel member to do the same for our members in Scotland.

This posting also includes details of our two *Modern German Studies* publications:
Volume 1, **Deutschland im Spiegel seiner Filme**, Ed. Martin Brady & Helen Hughes,
Volume 2, **Migrants in German-speaking countries**, Ed. Peter Barker & Jim Jordan.
Please order your copy, £ 15 each, from our AMGS **Secretary Astrid Küllmann-Lee** together with a cheque made out to *Association for Modern German Studies*. You will find names and addresses of all current AMGS Officers and Panel Members on the reverse side of this letter (and on our Website, see below).

Due to the considerable increase in expenditure last year and in order to be able to continue to organise a coherent series of conferences, to invite guest speakers (also from abroad), to produce *Arbeitsmaterialien* and to further develop our AMGS Website as well as our electronic journal **Modern German Studies Online** the Panel decided last autumn to increase its membership fees to £ 20 (by standing order), £ 25 (by cheque) and £ 10 (concessions). We would like to encourage you to complete the enclosed **NatWest Standing Order Mandate / Standing Order Amendment Form** now and to send it to your bank as soon as possible. If you are paying by cheque please send it to our new **Treasurer Reinhild Weiss** (address overleaf). As we are in urgent need of updating our Database we would be most grateful if you could also provide us with your latest Email- and current addresses, etc. Return it to IKJ Williams, **Membership Secretary** together with any suggestions and comments you wish to make (see sep. sheet).

If you want to know more about us, AMGS conferences, publications, useful links etc. do visit our Websites, the easiest access at the moment is still via **Dr Norbert Pachler's** address, i.e. <http://www.amgs.org.uk>

With best wishes and many thanks for your continuing support,

Dr Christine Hoffmann and Ingrid KJ Williams

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