

MALCOLM BOWIE PRIZE

Malcolm Bowie, who sadly died in January 2007, was not only the most eminent and inspirational Anglophone scholar of French literature and theory of his generation, he was a towering figure in the field because of his tireless devotion to the scholarly community both in the UK and abroad, his service to the *Society for French Studies* offering but one example of this: he was President of the *Society* (1994-96), as well as General Editor of *French Studies* (1980-87). In 2007, the *Society* launched the Malcolm Bowie prize, awarded annually for the best article published in the preceding year by an early-career researcher in the broader discipline of French Studies. The 2008 prize will be worth £1000 and the *Society* will also pay the expenses of the winner to collect the prize in person at its annual conference. For details of the results of the first competition, see <http://www.sfs.ac.uk/bowieprize.htm>.

The *Malcolm Bowie Prize* will be judged by an international panel comprising: Professor Antoine Compagnon (Columbia University and the Collège de France), Professor Alison Finch (Churchill College, Cambridge), Professor Simon Gaunt (Vice-President of the *Society*) King's College, London, Professor Edward Hughes (President of the *Society*) Queen Mary, University of London, and Professor Toril Moi (Duke University).

The *Society* now invites nominations of articles published in 2008 from editors of learned journals, editors or publishers of collected volumes, and heads of university departments. Authors may not self-nominate (though they may of course ask editors, publishers, or university departments to consider nominating them). To be eligible for nomination, authors must be within five years of obtaining their PhD when their article is published (in this instance anyone who received his or her PhD in or after 2003 but before the end of 2008 will be eligible); articles may be published anywhere in the world, but must be written in French or English.

Nominations should be submitted by email to Professor Simon Gaunt (simon.gaunt@kcl.ac.uk), together with a statement which includes full publication details of the article concerned and an indication of when and where the candidate's PhD was awarded. Nominations should be accompanied by a PDF file of the article as it appears in print. Nominations not accompanied by a PDF file will not be valid.

The deadline for receipt of nominations for the 2008 prize (including the article itself) is **31 January 2009**. The winner will be announced in May 2009 and will receive her/ his prize at the annual conference of the *Society for French Studies* to be held at the University of Oxford, 29 June-1 July, 2009.