

2023 Report on the Committee on Affiliated and Allied Organizations

This committee now incorporates the former “NA-Plus” committee, designed to form ties with national associations of comparative literature and other comparative literature associations that, for a variety of reasons, were not identified with or sponsored by a nation. The purpose of this Committee is, as before, to enhance our outreach and to explore dimensions of literature and culture that we find supportive of our main aims. Our thought was that, by reaching out to writers’ groups, translators’ associations, screenwriters’ guilds, and other similar bodies we might strengthen the AILC/ICLA’s diversity, enhance the programs of our annual meetings, and find new publics.

In 2022-2023 the Committee extended invitations to several international bodies to try thinking of ways we might work together: the American Literary Translators Association and the Japan Association of American Studies, and more recently the Sahitya Akademi (Delhi) and the International Research Center of the India International Centre. In the first two cases we received a cordial but indefinite reply. We are planning to invite further organizations to join with us. Perhaps the upcoming Seoul congress will be an incentive for cooperation.

We are always eager to hear suggestions and advice from the Executive Board and membership of the organization. To which organizations should we reach out, what sorts of joint activities might we propose, and how can we best serve the goals of AILC/ICLA members?

Respectfully submitted,
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