

ASAA NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AUSTRALASIA IN ASIA



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AASA is on the Web

AASA has recently put up its website www.thinkahead.net/anjali. The website has been designed by a professional Bangalore-based artist Savitha and is maintained and edited by Anjali Gera Roy at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, I.I.T., Kharagpur. This was one of the initiatives discussed in July 2001 when AASA—with the generous assistance of the Australia-India Council—brought five Indian scholars to Australia as part of the project entitled “Developing Australian Studies in India through AASA.” Anjali was entrusted with the responsibility of setting up the website and she has done a good job of it.

All AASA related information is now available on the internet. The current issue of the Newsletter may be accessed on the web along with two previous ones. Members have the facility of registering online. Apart from putting routine information like announcements, calls for papers, forthcoming visits etc. at the disposal of all Australian studies scholars, the website hopes to be a major resource-sharing device facilitating faster and closer exchange between researchers in Australian studies all over the world and most particularly, of course, in Asia.

Links with other major Australian Studies sites have already been provided. We hope that scholars will soon be able to use this network to exchange information, ideas and findings. We will begin by setting up a discussion forum soon. In due course, we would like to build an archive of published and unpublished material to make scarce resources available to scholars working on any aspect of Australia, particularly culture. Anyone interested in contributing to the development of Australian Studies in India may send articles to be posted to the editor at <anjali@hss.iitkgp.ernet.in>. Do visit the website at the above address and send in your suggestions for further improvements.

NAME CHANGE FOR THE ASSOCIATION—ASAA

At the meeting of the membership in Canberra in July 2001, it was agreed that the name of the association be amended to: **The Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA)**. This was in response to a suggestion from a well-wisher of the Association, Mr. Richard Woolcott, President of the Asia Society, Austral-Asia Centre, Melbourne, who was invited to make some suggestions for the way forward for the Association at a meeting at Canberra University with some members of the Executive some months earlier. His suggestions, subsequently concentrated in a draft document, have been circulated to various members of AASA and responses are still being collated. The change in the name of the Association has however been carried through as being immediately acceptable and necessary.

Henceforth the Association will be known from the date of this announcement by the name printed above and as it has appeared in the title of this Newsletter. The changes to the Constitution discussed at the meetings in Canberra will be finally ratified at the next ASAA Conference to be held in 2003.