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HONORARY RESEARCH ASSOCIATES

1. ACIS has established the position of Honorary Research Associate (HRA) as from 1 March 2013.
2. The position of HRA is designed for two categories of appointee:
 - **Younger/emerging Italianist scholars** from Australia and New Zealand with significant academic achievements but with only short-term, casual or no university employment.
 - **Senior/established Italianist scholars** visiting Australia and New Zealand who will participate in a project involving young local scholars and supported by a grant from ACIS.
3. The minimum level of academic achievement for appointment as an HRA will normally be a very good Master by Research. Significant work on behalf of Italian Studies may also be recognised as among the qualifications for appointment.
4. The term of appointment as an Honorary Research Associate will be flexible according to the circumstances of the appointee. For young scholars the normal term will be 3 years. For visiting senior scholars the minimum term will be for the duration of their stay in Australasia. Appointments are renewable.
5. Members of the ACIS Management Committee may propose at any time a candidate for appointment as an Honorary Research Associate. The candidate's cv and case for support by the proposer will be considered by the Committee in confidence. Appointment requires agreement by a majority of the Committee.
6. ACIS expects that at any one time there will normally be between 5 and 10 HRAs but sets no upper or lower limits to their number.
7. HRAs may not be members of the Management Committee or the Lectureships Committee but may be invited to join the Scholarships Committee.
8. The Management Committee will welcome HRA input on any issues related to the promotion of Italian Studies and will consult them wherever appropriate. In turn, HRAs will have the opportunity to draw on advice and support from ACIS and from individual members of the Committee.
9. Each year, according to its financial circumstances, ACIS will allocate a sum of up to \$20000 to support initiatives or activities involving HRAs. Such activities include but are not limited to: assistance towards publications; organisation of a workshop, mini-conference or seminar or lecture series; initiatives to expand the scope and use of the ACIS website; development of new forms of academic collaboration; and promotion of Italian Studies to wider public audiences. These funds are intended to support activities of value both to HRAs themselves and to Italian Studies generally. HRAs will be invited to submit proposals which will be evaluated by the Management Committee. If no proposals of sufficient merit are presented, the Committee will not allocate any funds that year.

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