

**In Memoriam**  
**HENRY KREISEL**  
(1922-1991)

The *Canadian Review of Comparative Literature/Revue Canadienne de Littérature Comparée* has lost in Henry Kreisel a source of inspiration and strength. In 1974, as the University of Alberta's Vice-President (Academic) he made it possible to establish in Edmonton a solid basis for the new journal. Previously a professor and head of the department of English, after a long term as administrator, he resolved, in 1975, to take up his new position as University Professor in Comparative Literature: his presence contributed immensely to the young department's stability and repute. He participated prominently in the founding of the Research Institute for Comparative Literature/Institut de recherches en littérature comparée and helped determine its main directions. He encouraged us to pursue comparative Canadian studies, including inquiries into minority writing, and to open our pages to comparisons with theatre, painting, cinema, and the other arts. Only a few months before his fatal illness, Henry Kreisel volunteered to direct the Institute's new division on Literature and the Visual Arts. For the journal, he wrote book reviews and performed many thankless duties: assessing manuscripts, revising texts, copy-editing, and helping us to make valuable contacts.

This is not the place to remind readers of Henry Kreisel's rich life and work. Firmly rooted in his Jewish-Austrian heritage, a proud citizen of Canada, his cultural and human interests and empathy were without borders and limits. An important and internationally admired Canadian immigrant literary voice, he was also a respected administrator, fine scholar, superlative teacher, and marvellous reader of modernist poetry. To countless students and colleagues he was a mentor and example. Moreover, he was a kind human being, a trusted friend and wise advisor. We will remember him and try to honour his memory through our work.

Milan V. Dimić

**VARIA**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CIADEST**

An Inter-University Research Centre in Discourse Analysis and Text Sociocriticism (Centre interuniversitaire d'analyse du discours et de socio-critique des textes, CIADEST) opened in Montréal last fall 1990 under the auspices of McGill University, Université de Montréal, and Université du Québec à Montréal. Its offices and documentation workshops are located at Room X-3605, UQAM, 515 rue Sainte-Catherine OUEST, C.P. 8888 Succ. "A," Montréal QC, H3C 3P8 (Phone [514] 987-7719. FAX: 987-3523).

Discourse analysis is a rich and promising research strategy in the social sciences in Europe and America. It combines a number of paradigms and methods from historiography, linguistics, the study of social interaction, communication, and literary studies. Indeed, more and more scholars are becoming aware of its importance. As Professor Teun van Dijk of the University of Amsterdam wrote in his introduction to the recently-launched international journal (July 1990) *Discourse and Society*: "During the last two decades the new cross-discipline of discourse studies has rapidly expanded in the humanities and the social sciences ... Discourse analysis soon became a major method or even a specialized subarea of many of their disciplines, thereby enabling the study of relations with similar or shared fields or problems in other disciplines...." Discourse analysis is thus a cross-disciplinary (and therefore cross-curricular) complex of studies that aims at breaking down the disciplinary boundaries in the humanities and social sciences in an attempt at providing a new, and more coherent conceptual framework to analyses of language, dialogues and texts in anthropology, literary studies, communications, sociology, psychology, etc. This new and innovative approach is nevertheless grounded in the scientific heritage of such age-old disciplines as classical rhetoric and philology.

The establishment of the Research Centre draws on the presence, in Montréal, of a great number of specialists and research teams working in discourse analysis and the "sociocritique" of texts, in both French and English. The Centre provides these scholars with an institutional place for working together, and confronting their approaches, aims and methods.

A number of subsidized research teams in Québec are presently brought together in this Centre. Individual researchers and postdoctoral fellows are also invited to join. The Centre's board is made up of Professors Marc Angenot, FRSC (McGill), Antonio Gómez-Moriana (U. de Montréal), and Régine Robin, FRSC (UQAM). It aims at providing an international forum for scholars working in discourse analysis. Its short term plans include a number of seminars and lecture series, and the organizing of an international colloquium in 1991.