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I General

The capital sum invested in the Trust Fund now stands at £64,000. Meanwhile, with the past year's cost of equipment and of payments to assistants largely met from the grant made for 1981-82 by the

British Academy, we have received a generous offer from the Longman Group of £25,000 payable over five years. This is made within the general framework of the 'dual support' system of funding university research, and we are grateful to the directors of Longman (who financed the launch of the Survey in 1950) for their continued support.

We have been pleased to welcome the following visiting scholars who

Ms A Sfetcu (Geneva)
Mrs J Staskova (Prešov)
Prof G Stein (Hamburg)
Prof J Svartvik (Lund)

Prof K Yamagishi (Hosei)
Ms M T Zagrebelska (Turin)

Throughout the year we have benefited greatly from the presence of Dr
Liliana Haegeman, the Longman Fellow in English Language, who has been

working on adverbial clauses. In addition to making a significant
contribution to teaching in the English Department, Dr Haegeman attended
the Sixteenth International Conference of IATEFL at Goldsmiths' College
in December 1981, where she read a paper on 'The Survey of English Usage
and realism of the data'. In January she attended a conference on
'Connectedness in Sentence, Word and Discourse' at the Katholieke

In addition to his teaching at the Institute of Education, Robert Ilson participated in English language teaching in UCL, and gave lectures at Brighton Polytechnic and at the University of Birmingham. He is now Consultant Editor of the forthcoming Reader's Digest Great Illustrated Dictionary and is collaborating with Professor K Yamagishi on a dictionary of Briticisms.

Bernard Lott was the delegate from Britain to the Amman conference in April on 'The Problems of Teaching English Language and Literature at Arab Universities'. He lectured at the University of Yarmouk, Jordan, and, during the Christmas vacation, paid private visits to the Indian Central Institute of English, Hyderabad, and the Regional Institute of English, South India. He continues to teach in the Open University and

has published course material on the nature of irony and on the poetry

Sylvia Chalker has completed a grammar for teachers of EFL, Current English Grammar. This is due to be published by Macmillan in the Autumn of 1983.

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