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BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG AGUS COMHAIRLE NAN EALAIN A' FOILLSEACHADH DUAIS DHÒMHNAILL MEEK

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Tha an obair a rinneadh le far de shàr sgoilearan agus foghlamaichean saoghal na Gàidhlig ’ga chomharrachadh às-ùr le Bòrd na Gàidhlig agus Comhairle nan Ealain, tro dhuais ùr do sgrìobhadairean Gàidhlig.

Chaidh urram ùr – Sàr Ghàidheal – a bhuileachadh air an Àrd Ollamh Dòmhnall Meek a bhoinneas do Thiriodh, nas tràithe air a’ bhliadhna. A nis, bidh “Duais Dhòmhnaill Meek” a’ cumail taic ri innleachdan eile a tha a-measg dhòighean air litreachas na Gàidhlig a chumail suas agus a bhrosnachadh.

Thèid tuilleadh fiosrachaidh agus clàr-ama mun duais ùr, a bhios air a rianachd le Comhairle nan Leabhraichean as leth Bhòrd na Gàidhlig agus Comhairle nan Ealain a tha ’ga mhaoineachadh, fhoillseachadh anns na seachdainnean a tha romhainn.

Thèid a’ chiad Dhuais a thoirt seachad ann an 2010, a’ togail air obair a rinneadh an 2009. Bidh e ag amas air sgìobhadh cruthachail no mu dheidhinn sgrìobhadh Cruthachail.

Thuirt Art MacCarmaig, Cathraiche a’ Bhùird: “Bidh e air leth feumail leithid de dhuais seo a chur ri saoghal litreachais na Gàidhlig agus tha mi an dùil gum bi e na bhrosnachadh do sgrìobhadairean anns gach raon. Tha obair Dhòmhnaill Meek fhèin air aithneachadh fad is farsaing agus bha sinn glè thoilichte nuair a chomharraich e fhèin cho cudromach sa tha an raon seo de shaoghal na Gàidhlig agus a bha e deònach ainm a chur ris an duais.”

Thuirt an t-Ollamh Gavin Wallace, Ceannard Litreachais an SAC: “ ’S e duais air leth cudromach a tha seo a tha a’ comharrachadh an dlùth cheangal a bha eadar Dòmhnall agus Comhairle nan Leabhraichean, agus bidh e na chuideachadh mòr ann a bhith a’ cumail taic ri sgrìobhadh Gàidhlig anns na bliadhnaichean romhainn. Dh’fhaodadh e sgilean aithneachadh ann an sgrìobhadairean ùra, a bhith a’ comharrachadh gnìomhan a rinneadh le sgriobhaiche a th’air a bhith ag obair son greis, no neach measaidh, no gu dearbh na dhuais do sgoilear a tha ùr-nochdadh no mar chomharradh air gnìomhan sgoilearachd a tha aire air sin.”

Thèid tuilleadh fiosrachaidh mun duais is mar a bhios cùisean a' fuasgladh air a' bhliadhn ùr fhoillseachadh le Comhairle nan Lebhraichean anns na seachdainnean romhainn agus air leithid làraich- lìn a' Bhùird agus an SAC.

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BÒRD NA GÀIDHLIG AND SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL LAUNCH THE DONALD MEEK AWARD

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Bòrd na Gàidhlig, the principal public authority leading development in Gaelic and the Scottish Arts Council have launched a new literary Award to mark the contribution to the language of one of its great champions and scholars in recent years, Professor Donald Meek from Tiree.

Earlier this year Donald Meek was named as a sàr-Ghàidheal – Gaelic champion - following his retirement after a distinguished academic career. The new Donald Meek Literary Award is aimed at supporting initiatives for Gaelic writers and encouraging new talent.

The new Award will be managed and promoted by Comhairle nan Leabhraichean, the Gaelic Books Council and funded by the Bòrd and SAC.

The first award will be made early in 2010, marking work which has been completed in 2009. The Award will focus on creative writing and work produced about creative writing in Gaelic. Details of how the Award will be managed are being published by Comhairle nan Leabhraichean.

Arthur Cormack, Cathraiche (Chair) of Bòrd na Gàidhlig said: "This is a very significant new award and it will help support new writing in the creative areas. I expect that it will encourage new writers in all sectors of Gaelic publishing. Donald Meek's contribution to Gaelic has been widely recognised and we are delighted that he has agreed to be associated with this initiative by identifying the importance of creative Gaelic writing."

Dr Gavin Wallace, Head of Literature at the SAC said: "This is a very important award which highlights Donald's own close relationship with Gaelic literature and the work of Comhairle nan Leabhraichean. It will be of great benefit to writers as we develop their structures and support. The award could recognise the skills of new writers or pieces of literary criticism by experienced writers, or for works of scholarship which are of a significant nature."

Final details of how the Award will operate including the way nominations for the Award can be made and received will be published in the media by Comhairle nan Leabhraichean. They will be available on the Comhairle's own website and those of SAC, mygaelic.com and Bòrd na Gàidhlig.

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