The unfortunate but unavoidable postponement of our 5th Biennial conference left us without a major event in 2007. However we did have a very successful and satisfying evening of readings by Jean Arasanayagam, Carl Muller, Ashley Halpé and Vihanga Perera (shortlisted for the Gratiaen Prize) late in November. Preparations are being made for the conference to be held about the middle of the year in Kandy on the theme Postcolonial or Postmodern – Contemporary Trends in South Asian Literatures and Languages. The 8th issue of Phoenix, the journal of SLACLALS, is in preparation.

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