## André Gide Centre

## History and aims

The André Gide Centre was founded in 1968 by Prof. Claude Martin and was originally affiliated to the University of Lyons. It focused on three different dimensions. The first aim was to create a database where documents dedicated to André Gide's life and work could be stored (theses, Master's theses, reviews, various editions of his work).

At the same time, also in Lyons, Martin set up a series of collections, *Gide/Textes*, and *Le siècle d'André Gide* ('André Gide's Century'), which published critical reviews and general articles concerning Gide, under the direction of the André Gide Centre. These collections continue to grow today and constitute a part of the works published and edited by *L'Association des Amis d'André Gide (AAAG)* ('The Friends of André Gide Society'), also founded by Martin.

Finally, the André Gide Centre published the 'Bulletin des Amis d'André Gide' (BAAG), a magazine also under the direction of AAAG, published in illustrated booklet format (20.5 x 14.5cm) of between 150 and 250 pages, containing articles, reviews, previously unpublished texts, bibliographies, and various other pieces of information. Special issues have been published. In the July-October edition of 2002 (n°135/136), the Table of Contents and Indexes of issues I to XXX can be consulted. The collection is kept at the André Gide Centre (Paul Verlaine University, Metz) and can be consulted at the following address: Île du Saulcy, UFR Lettres et langues, bât. A, bureau A49, F–57045 Metz cedex 01. A summary of the six latest editions can be found at the bottom of this page.

When Claude Martin became an emeritus professor, Nantes University took on the André Gide Centre, with Pierre Masson as director. Two principle goals were established: to make the André Gide database available to university students and researchers, and to give financial support to BAAG magazine. Starting in September 2008, Paul Verlaine University (Metz) undertook this role in association with the *Écritures* Research Centre (E.A. 3943), with Jean-Michel Wittman in charge.

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