

**Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre  
Vancouver Island University**

**Annual Report 2013-14**

**Overview**

This report covers the period from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, during which the Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre at Vancouver Island University has continued its research and outreach activities on a number of fronts, in the quiet way adopted in recent years. This year's Malaspina Lecturer was Prof. Robin Fisher, recently retired from Mount Royal University, who has also joined the Centre as an Honorary Research Associate.

**Personnel**

Department(s)

Director:	Dr. John Black	Liberal Studies & Philosophy
Associated Scholars:	Dr. Ana María Donat	Modern Languages
	Dr. Oscar Clemotte Silvero	Philosophy
	Dr. Erik Liddell	Eastern Kentucky University
Honorary Associates:	Dr. Robin Fisher	Mount Royal University (retd.)
	Dr. Barry Gough	Professor Emeritus, Wilfrid Laurier
	Robin Inglis	Director, North Van. Museum (retd.)
	Ian Johnston	Liberal Studies and English (retd.)
	Dr. Russell McNeil	Liberal Studies and Physics (retd.)
	Josie Osborne	Clayoquot Biosphere Trust

**Centre Research Projects**

**Translation and Web Publication of Source Documents**

The project of translating, among other documents, the letters of Alexandro Malaspina and historical newspaper articles about him and his expedition, for publication on the Centre's website, continues. New facsimiles continue to be provided by Australian private scholar Robert King.

The Centre has applied for a work-opportunity position for a student assistant to finalize the translation of the voyage accounts of Espinosa y Tello and Tova and Robredo, and to begin work on new documents received.

## **Public Events and Other Activity**

### **Malaspina Lecture**

The 2013 Malaspina Lecturer was Prof. Robin Fisher, recently retired Vice-President Academic of Mount Royal University and author of *Contact and Conflict: Indian-European Relations in British Columbia, 1774-1890*. In “Vancouver’s Coastline: Putting the Northwest on the Map” he discussed the implications of George Vancouver's visit to local waters in 1792.

### **Alexandro Malaspina Liberal Studies Award**

The recipient of the 2014 Award, which honours both Alexandro Malaspina’s broad range of intellectual achievement and a VIU Liberal Studies student’s success in interdisciplinary study, was John Geddert.

Respectfully submitted,

John Black  
Director  
Alexandro Malaspina Research Centre  
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