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When a university decides to offer courses in Catalan, it is generally because the students' interest has been aroused as a result of the enthusiasm of some Catalan or Catalanophilous member of the teaching staff.

The existence of five associations of Catalan studies located in different parts of the world has contributed greatly to the inclusion of Catalan in university curricula and the coordination of Catalan studies.

The oldest of these organizations is the Anglo-Catalan Society, founded in 1954 as a result of earlier meetings held in London by a small group of Britons and Catalans resident in Great Britain who shared an interest in Catalan language, culture and history. Since then the aims of the Society have remained unchanged, but membership has grown over the years until it now numbers over two hundred. The Anglo-Catalan Society is made up of British academics and, to a lesser degree, of Catalans resident in the United Kingdom. The Society holds an annual congress at which papers on Catalan studies are read and an interchange of experiences takes place.

So far the yearly meetings have been held, on one or more occasions, in Belfast, Birmingham, Cambridge, London, Oxford, Sheffield and Southampton.

The North American Catalan Society was set up in Urbana (Illinois) in 1978. There are currently over three hundred members, most of them from the university world, and the Society covers both the United States and Canada. Since the founding meeting, symposiums have been held at Yale (1980), Toronto (1982) and Washington (1984).

The Associazione Italiana di Studi Cata-

lani is active in the various Italian universities where Catalan is taught. It has about fifty members.

The Deutsh-Katalanische Gesellschaft (German-Catalan Association) is the youngest of the Catalanophilous organizations, but by no means the least active. It was founded at Karlsruhe in 1983 and at present has over three hundred members. It is not only active in the Federal Republic of Germany, but also in other German language countries.

The Associació Internacional de Llengua i Literatura Catalanes, which has nearly a thousand members, is responsible for the coordination of Catalan studies both inside and outside Catalonia. It was legally founded in Cambridge in 1973, though in fact it had been active for years. A large proportion of the members of the Anglo-Catalan Society, the North American Catalan Society, the Associazione Italiana di Studi Catalani and the Deutsch-Katalanische Gesellschaft are also members of the Associació Internacional de Llengua i Literatura Catalanes and regularly take part in its activities.