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Dear David,

5 At last I get round to replying! Thank you very much for your lovely letter which was very helpful and got things really moving. Booker were delighted with your timing which will enable the prize to be awarded in mid-April.

Antonia Fraser and Ross Higgin are fine for 9 January, which you said suited you for the preliminary meeting. Dame Rebecca may stay in America until nearer the end of January, but she may not, I am waiting to hear and equally from Prof. Hoggart, who, I suspect, will not come to that one, as he has just accepted an appointment with Unesco in Paris.

For the second, most important and final meeting I have given Prof. Hoggart dates ranging between 17 and 27 February (with exceptions of 19th and 20th) as that period seems reasonably clear for the others, and trust that he will be able to commit himself in the next few days!

I have now had clearance that Lise Roche is eligible.

Enclosed are more comments from the other judges and the booklist so far (those list which you have not received are on the way). There seems to be a marked difference of taste evident in the judging - I suppose that is healthy?

Very best wishes,

Yours ever,

Marilyn Edwards