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We are absolutely delighted that the Conference has attracted eminent scholars, younger and more senior, from around the world: Japan, Italy, Lithuania, Switzerland, New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, Palestine, France, Canada, Spain, Turkey, Italy, the U.K., Poland, and the U.S. The imaginative paper proposals, many of which deal with both Melville and Conrad, are bound to create some fascinating discussion in Szczecin and open up new areas of scholarship in the coming years. We received 60 excellent proposals by the 25 June deadline, a compilation of which is available at the Conference website (http://www.melville.us.edu.pl).

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