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Amsterdam Conference Notes and Actions

The twelfth biennial conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric met in Amsterdam 12-17 July, 1999. The academic program was one of the most extensive in the Society's history. ISHR President Marijke Spies presided over a varied and fruitful scholarly exchange for some 280 participants attending from many countries around the world. From the welcome by the Mayor and Alderman of Amsterdam to the closing banquet and excursion, the social program basked in the elegant historical setting and afforded opportunities for members to meet and to renew acquaintances.

Professor Jerzy Axer, incoming ISHR president 1999-2001, announced plans for the next biennial conference to be held in Warsaw, Poland on July 23-28, 2000. A "Call for Papers" is enclosed with this issue.

During the Society's business meeting, the Society elected the slate published in the last *Newsletter*, which is repeated here for the information of new members:

Vice-President (1999-2001)

Prof. Tomás Albaladejo Mayordomo
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y Filosofía de la Ciencia
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Madrid, Spain

Six Council Members (1999-2003)

Prof. Gualtiero Calboli
Filologia Classica
Università di Bologna
Bologna

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Langue et littérature françaises
McGill University
Montreal, Canada

Dr. Michael Edwards
School of English and Drama
Queen Mary and Westfield College
University of London
London, England, U.K.

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Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Mexico City, Mexico

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Institut für Graesk og Latin
Københavns Universitet
Copenhagen, Denmark

Dr. Wulf Wülfing
Germanistisches Institut
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Bochum, Germany

The Secretary-General Jean Dietz Moss announced that Council had approved a plan to publish a directory of members that would list names, addresses, and research interests of members. For that purpose an information form is included on page 5 of the *Newsletter*. Members are asked to fill out the form and send it to her. Depending on the volume of response, the Directory should be published in late Spring.

The International Treasurer Don Abbott stated that Council had approved the creation of a permanent website for the Society. He also proposed that the Society authorize a yearly prize for the best article in *Rhetorica*. The Society approved the proposal.

The Editor of *Rhetorica* Peter Mack voiced a desire to receive more articles on the history of rhetoric in the modern period. He noted the need to speed up referees' reviews of articles and solicited members of the Society to propose themselves as possible reviewers who would agree to respond promptly.

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Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee elected at the Business Meeting is composed of Marijke Spies (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam), Chair; Lawrence D. Green (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA); Lynette Hunter

(University of Leeds, Leeds, UK); and Lucia Montefusco (University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy).

In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee invites members to propose candidates for the following offices: International Vice-President for a two year term (2001-2003) and six members of Council for four year terms (2001-2005).

Members are reminded that the International Vice-President succeeds automatically to the presidency of the Society and must organize the Biennial Conference for 2005 in his or her home country. The Constitution requires the Vice-President to be a citizen of a different country from that of the President. Because Tomas Albaladejo will be President in 2001-2003, a Spanish citizen will be ineligible for the office of Vice-President.

Since members chosen for Council reflect the international nature of the Society, the home countries of those retiring from Council should be kept in mind when proposing new members. Those retiring from Council in 2001 are Donka Alexandrova, Sofia University, Bulgaria; Martin Carmargo, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA; Carlos Levy, Université de Paris 12, France; Isabel Paraíso, Universidad Valladolid, Spain; Marc van der Poel, Katholieke Universiteit Nijmegen, Netherlands; and Kathleen Welch, University of Oklahoma, USA.

Nominations should be sent by postal mail or telephone to Marijke Spies, Herenstraat 11 B, 1015 BX Amsterdam. Telephone: 31(0)20-6223488.

Conference Notices

The Association for Rhetoric and Communication in Southern Africa announces the *Fourth African Symposium on Rhetoric* and issues a *Call for Papers*. "Rhetoric and Orality" is the theme for the conference to be held at the University of Zambia, Lusaka, from 9-11 August 2000. Proposals for 25 minute papers are invited on both historical and contemporary topics related to oratorical activity--deliberative, forensic, epideictic --in any period, culture, or tradition. Dr. Charles Calder, Department of Literature and Languages, University of Zambia, is the local organizer. Proposals should be sent by 31 May 2000 to Mr. Tom Lynn, Symposium Secretary; Department of Literature and Languages; University of Zambia; P.O. Box 32379; Lusaka, Zambia. Fax +260 1 253952. E-mail: Tlynn@hss.unza.zm.

A French-Italian Colloquy entitled *Skhèma/Figura* was held May 27-29 at Paris (ENS Ulm), Créteil (Université Paris XII) and Paris (Université Paris IV). The conference treated interdisciplinary research on the theory of the figures in antiquity. Presiding over the sessions were Professors Adriano Pennacini, Laurent Pernot, Lucia Calboli-Montefusco, Carlos Levy, Paolo Fedeli, and Jacqueline Dangel. Twenty-eight papers were presented. The conference organizers were Maria Silvana Celentano, Pierre Chiron and Marie-Pierre Noël.

The Centre for Rhetoric Studies, Cape Town, South Africa in September 1999 held its annual international colloquium on the theme "Truth in Politics." Some thirty French, American, Italian, and African participants met to discuss the rhetoricity of truth in post-modern democracies. The colloquium in September 2000 will be on "Religion and Rhetoric in Today's Democracies."

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News of Members

John O. Ward has received a number of recent honors. He was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities in November and was given an Australian Research Council Large Grant Award for 2000-2002. John was also appointed Reader in the Department of History at the University of Sydney, Australia.

Philippe-Joseph Salazar has been appointed to a Distinguished Chair in Humane Letters at the University of Cape Town and to the Chair in Seventeenth-Century Literature at the University Francois Rabelais, Tours.

Fellows in Residence in the second term of 1999 at the Centre for Rhetoric Studies, Cape Town, are Eugene Garver (St. John's, Minnesota, USA); Mary Jane Collier (Denver, USA), Tamar Katriel (Haifa, Israel). In the first term of 2000 they will be: Erik Doxtader (Berkeley, USA) and Andreas Lollini (Bologna, Italy).

Fellowships and Internships

Applications are welcome for Fellowships and Internships at the Centre for Rhetoric Studies, Cape Town. Interns are placed with the Centre's partner organization, Khululekani Institute for Democracy and work in Parliament. Interns in 1999 and 2000 are Stefania Collina (Ph.D., Turin), Charlotte Montel (DEA, Paris), Victor Legendre (DEUG, Paris-VIII) Sifiso Ngesi (MReth, Cape Town), Franchon Hamon (Ph.D., Cape Town). For details contact: <psalazar@hiddingh.uct.ac.za>

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Call for Papers

International Society for the History of Rhetoric Thirteenth Biennial Conference in Warsaw, Poland July (23) 24-28, 2001

The Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric will be held in Warsaw at Warsaw University from Tuesday, July 24, until Saturday, July 28, 2001. Council will meet the day before, Monday, July 25. Registration will also begin on Monday afternoon.

The theme of the conference will be Rhetoric — Its Theory and Practice. Proposals are welcome on topics from the classical age to our own era's adaptations, including Western and other traditions. Proposals may treat authors, developments, and relations of rhetoric to other fields, such as the following: Rhetoric and Art, Rhetoric and Theater, Rhetoric and Education, Rhetoric and Philosophy, etc.

During the Warsaw conference we propose to focus especially on the topic of Rhetoric of Transformation, taking into account the place of the conference, situated as it is precisely in the region of East-Central Europe and, thus, especially appropriate as hosts of such a debate. This debate will be open for participants from countries and regions that have suffered violent political and social transformation and are still experimenting.

Proposals for 20 minute papers in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish should be submitted on the form on the next page by June 1, 2000, to:

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The Society will be applying for a modest conference grant to assist the travel of participants who otherwise could not attend. Scholars who expect insufficient government or institutional support should enclose with their proposal a brief explanation of their circumstances as well as a budget proposal.

The organizers intend to inform participants about the acceptance of the proposals by August 2000. In September 2000 the conference program and local arrangements will be announced in the *Newsletter*.

ISHR Information Form

Please type or print responses to items. Return to Prof. Jean Dietz Moss, Secretary-General ISHR;
Department of English; The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064

Professional or Academic Title (Mr. Ms, Prof., Prof. Dr., etc.)

Last/Family Name(s)

First/Given Name(s) or Initial(s)

Middle Name(s)

Mailing Address (Please give full particulars.)

Telephone Number(s):

Fax Number(s)

Email address:

Research Interests:

CALL FOR PAPERS

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF RHETORIC

**THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE
IN WARSAW, POLAND
July (23) 24-28, 2001**

Proposals are invited for 20-minute presentations and 2-hour special sessions in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish on the conference Theme:

THE HISTORY OF RHETORIC, ITS THEORY AND PRACTICE

- ◆ **AUTHORS**
- ◆ **DEVELOPMENTS**
- ◆ **RELATIONS**
 - literature
 - arts
 - philosophy
 - religion
 - theater
 - education
 - gender
 - etc.

◆ **SPECIAL FOCUS: *RHETORIC OF TRANSFORMATION***

open especially for participants from different countries and regions which are now under violent political and social transformation

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: 1 JUNE 2000

Proposal forms available at e-mail address: ishr@obta.uw.edu.pl

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