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Material for this Newsletter has been provided by ASCS University Representatives and other members of the Executive Committee. I am grateful for the time taken by them to put the information together. If you have any items of interest, please pass them on to your Representative or send them direct to me (contact details above). I anticipate that the next Newsletter will be sent out in April.

The current issue of the journal *Artichthon* (Vol. 36 for 2002) was distributed to members just recently. It is the Society's practice to send the volume of the journal only to those who are financial for the relevant year. Some members have not sent in their subscription for this year yet. In that case a reminder form is included with this mailing, if you are a "hard copy" recipient; those on the email distribution list who haven't yet paid up will receive a reminder in the post. I have recently learnt some new techniques for public shaming, so I hope you will pay up if your subscription is behind, so that I don't have to apply these new techniques!

Bruce Marshall

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has had two email consultations so far this year (which have been found to be a convenient way of "discussing" matters in the absence of a face-to-face meeting). The major item considered has been the amalgamation with New Zealand Classics departments, which is proceeding smoothly and positively. There will be a postal vote conducted, in October (it is hoped), on the constitutional amendments necessary to effect the amalgamation, with a final decision on the whole process to be made at the general meeting in Bendigo in February 2004.

Other matters which are proceeding include the process of acquiring tax deductibility status for the Society; the drawing up of guidelines for the provision of amounts of money for local promotion of the subject; and negotiations for the holding of ASCS XXVI in Dunedin in February 2005 in conjunction with the triennial conference of NZ Classics. It has also been decided to introduce next year a five-year membership rate; consideration is also being given to setting a life membership rate.

There will be a face-to-face meeting of the executive committee meeting in Melbourne on Sunday 16th November. If you have any items you wish the committee to consider, please pass them on to your local ASCS representative, or send them to the Secretary.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Centre for Early Christian Studies – McAuley Campus, Brisbane

Staff

Professor Pauline Allen was the Secretary General of the *Association Internationale d'Etudes Patristiques* until August 2003 when she was elected President of the Association.

New Courses

Ecclesiastical Latin is being taught at introductory level in Semesters 1 and 2 by Dr Bronwen Neil. With the assistance of Grant Sparks an online version of the course is being developed for implementation in first semester 2004.

Research Grants

Wendy Mayer continues her work on "Completing the picture of a vital historical source: the homilies of John Chrysostom" with a Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship of \$380,000 for the years 2001-2005 and an ARC Large Grant of \$115,000 for 2001-2003. Bronwen Neil holds an ARC Postdoctoral Fellowship of \$150,000 for 2001-2004 to work on "Popes and martyrs: the politics of hagiography in ninth-century Rome". Pauline Allen has an ARC Discovery Grant of \$204,000 for 2003-2005 to examine "Development of the cult of Mary in North Africa before A.D. 431".

Conferences

Members of the Centre have been busy attending numerous conferences and delivering papers at them in such diverse locations as Rome, Halifax, Melbourne, Sydney, Belfast, Oxford, Santa Barbara, Adelaide, Strasbourg, and Gozo in Malta.

Visitors

Professor Everett Ferguson (American Catholic University) visited the Centre in March earlier this year, giving a public lecture and seminar. While here he launched five new publications of the Centre. Professor Charles Kannengiesser (Concordia, Montreal) will be visiting the Centre again for several weeks in late October.

Publications

J. Leemans, W. Mayer, P. Allen and B. Dehandschutter, *Greek Homilies on Christian Martyrs from Asia Minor, Palestine and Syria (c.350-c.450 AD)*, Routledge, London, 2003, pp. x + 243.

B. Neil, G.D. Dunn and L. Cross (eds), *Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church*, Vol. 3: Liturgy and Life, St Paul's Publications, Sydney, 2003, pp. x + 412.

Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil, *Documents from Exile: Maximus the Confessor and his Companions*, Oxford Early Christian Texts, Oxford, 2002.

Bronwen Neil and Pauline Allen, *Life of Maximus the Confessor - Recension 3* (Early Christian Studies 6), St Paul's Publications, Sydney, 2003.

The Centre is responsible for the publishing arm of the Australian Society for Byzantine Studies, *Byzantina Australiensia*. Bronwen Neil initiated and now maintains a regular international e-mailout (three times each year) of information concerning upcoming events in patristic studies, conference reports, positions vacant, and recent publications in the field.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Staff

Ms Claire Jamset arrived at ANU in May this year and began teaching in second semester. She replaces (if anyone can!) Dr Douglas Kelly, who retired in April.

Dr Elizabeth Minchin will be taking study leave in Semester 2. She will spend a term as Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Forthcoming Conferences

Professor Emerita Beryl Rawson will give a paper in September on "Food and Community in Roman Italy: Children, Family, and Slaves" at the Australian Historical Association conference in Mildura, where the conference themes are intended to be inclusive of all fields of history.

Colleagues are reminded of Homer Seminar II, to take place on 13-14 December 2003 at ANU. Please contact Elizabeth.Minchin@anu.edu.au for details.

Visitors

A number of visitors have given guest lectures or public lectures this year: Dr Tom Hillard (Macquarie); Dr Blanche Menadier (Macquarie); and Professor Eunice Maguire (Johns Hopkins, Baltimore). The Friends of the Classics Museum are looking forward to the visit of Professor Alan Bowman (Oxford) in October.

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Staff

Dr Andrew Gillett has recently been appointed as Lecturer (Level B) in the Department of Ancient History, as a counter offer to a position offered by another institution.

Publications

Just published is Andrew Gillett's book *Envoys and Political Communication in the Late Antique West*, 411-533 (Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought, 4th series, no. 55; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003). ISBN: 0-521-81349-2.

The book *Sport and Festival in the Ancient Greek World* is due to appear in November 2003. It has been co-edited by Dr David Phillips and Dr David Pritchard, and arose out of papers given at the conference on "Olympia and the Olympic Games" held in Sydney in 2000, to coincide with the Games that year. The book is a thematically linked collection of 15 chapters, considering how sport and festival affected the ancient Greek city and how the values of athletics pervaded Greek culture. The main focus is on the ancient world, but the book also examines how museums may best present to a modern public the surviving artefacts linked with ancient sport. It will be published by the Classical Press of Wales (450 pp., 70 illustrations: ISBN 0 9543845 1 2).

Conferences

Dr Trevor Evans reports the highly successful staging of the fourth colloquium in the Museum of Ancient Cultures Language Showcase Series, 'A Language Colloquium in Memory of Professor G.P. Shipp', on 16 May. The occasion featured a stirring tribute to George Shipp by John Sheldon, along with papers reflecting the extraordinary range of Shipp's academic interests. The final event in the

current series, A Language and Literature Colloquium, will take place on 24 October.

Trevor Evans, Dr Malcolm Choat, and Dr Norman Ricklefs are organizing a Macquarie conference entitled 'Cultural Interaction and Identity in Ancient Egypt: From the Pharaohs to the Arab Conquest', scheduled for 14-17 April 2004 (more information in due course).

The Centre for Ancient Numismatic Studies (ACANS)

On 30 July ACANS held its first research conference, 'Syria in the Time of the Seleucids', in honour of Professor Graeme Clarke (Australian National University). Papers delivered focused on the Australian excavations at Jebel Khalid, and the important sites of Dura Europos and Pella. Following the success of this event ACANS believes that a research conference will now become part of the Centre's annual activities.

The 2003 Gale Lecture in Ancient Numismatics will be delivered by Professor Dan Potts (Edwin Cuthbert Hall Professor of Middle Eastern Archaeology, University of Sydney) at 7 pm on Tuesday 14 October in the Seminar Room, Museum of Ancient Cultures (Building X5B), Macquarie University. Professor Potts's lecture is entitled 'Foundation houses, fire altars and the fratadara: Interpreting the iconography of some post-Achaemenid Persian coins'.

Dr Kathryn Welch from the Department of Ancient History at the University of Sydney has taken up the position of Senior Research Fellow at ACANS for the second half of 2003. While at the Centre she plans to study the coinages of Gnaeus and Sextus Pompey. In November Kathryn will deliver a seminar for ACANS entitled 'Golden Triumph: assigning a date and mint to Crawford 402', which will draw on the results of her recent research.

ACANS is compiling a contact list with the addresses of those who wish to receive notices about the many and wondrous lectures and events which the Centre annually presents. If you wish to be on the list send an email to ksheedy@hmn.mq.edu.au.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE

Staff

In 1958, David Hester arrived as a fresh-faced 24 year old to take up a position in the Adelaide Classics department. 45 years later he is still going strong but at the end of this year will be putting away his felt tipped pen and keeping his brain alive with chess, bridge and crossword puzzles. More on this legend in the next Newsletter.

Margaret O'Hea's study leave project, digging at Pella in Jordan, was curtailed by the hostilities in Iraq, but delivering papers at two international conferences and further work on her book on Roman glass helped to fill in the time.

New Course

A new course introduced in first semester, "Afterlife and Underworld in Antiquity", proved more successful than we hoped, and not just because the final enrolment of 102 was more than double what we expected. A feature of the enrolment was the number of students from faculties such as Medicine, Law, Engineering and Commerce who decided this was something from the ancient world they would like to do. It was also popular with international students. If Classics departments are looking for an EFTSU magnet, such a course, or something like it, is worth considering.

Conference

The 13th conference of the Australian Association of Byzantine Studies was held in Adelaide, for the first time here, on 11-12 July, and entitled "Feast, Fast or Famine: Food and Drink in Byzantium". Delegates were mostly from Australia, but included visitors from the UK, USA and Japan, total 53.

The 17 papers ranged from reconstructions of festive dinners and cooking techniques to the political and military role of food, as well as vegetarianism, regulations, symbolic 'food' (body of Christ), and international relations. Three of the papers were given by University of Adelaide Visiting Research Fellows, and a further three by Classics PhD students.

One of the two keynote speakers was Eunice Maguire (Johns Hopkins, Baltimore), whose lecture doubled as the 7th Annual Galatis Lecture. This lecture was open to the public and attracted about 180 people. Her topic was the representations of dining in Byzantium. The other keynote speaker was John Haldon (Birmingham), whose paper was on the logistics involved in military food supplies.

The papers from the conference will be published in the *Byzantina Australiensia* series.

Coin Display

In July and August, the University's Barr Smith library featured a display, "Rome and the Germans as Seen in the Coinage", first shown at Emory University, Atlanta, in 1987. The display has toured extensively in USA, Canada and Europe and includes high quality replicas of 176 coins, from the 1st Century BCE to the 6th Century CE, which depict Germans (northern barbarians generally) and Roman relations with them. The display was put together by Tom Burns of Emory University and Bernard Overbeck of the Staatliche Munzammlung, Munich. It was Tom who sent the display here, having been the department's distinguished academic visitor last year. If anyone would like to have this display at their institution for a while, please contact Ron Newbold (ron.newbold@adelaide.edu.au). There is no fee or insurance premium, simply the cost of delivery, whether by Australia Post or in the boot of a car.

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Staff

Dr Elizabeth Baynham is on study leave for this semester. Professor Harold Tarrant recently attended The World Congress of Philosophy in Istanbul (10-17 August) and presented a paper at a panel entitled "Art and Reason in Greek Philosophy".

Library

From the Library's Archives page: "The personal library of the late Professor Godfrey Tanner has now been transferred to the Rare Books and Special Collections area in the Auchmuty Library at the University of Newcastle. With some 6,500 items covering five centuries of classics and humanities literature, the library is undoubtedly the largest and one of the most important research collections that the University has acquired. The collection will continue to be known as the Tanner Library. A sterling effort by Gianni, who co-ordinated and carried out the lion's share of the move, which entailed literally hundreds and hundreds of boxes. We sincerely thank the Executor of the Tanner Estate, Laurie Tremenheere, Enrights Solicitors of Maitland, Mr Denis Rowe and our Vice-Chancellor Professor Roger Holmes for enabling the University to acquire this very significant collection." More details on this collection can be found at <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/services/library/collections/archives/int/janjune2003.html#tanlib>.

Classicists with an interest in Cyprian studies will benefit from a recent endowment from the Leventis Foundation, which donated a series of books to the Auchmuty Library.

Students

Three undergraduate students were recently awarded the Williams Scholarships in Latin: Maxine Lewis, Jane Reid and Sally Fitzpatrick were each presented with a cheque for \$500 in recognition of their performances in Latin.

Seminars

A Seminar Series has been organised by Jane Bellemore for second semester, with papers being presented by staff and students of the university on Friday afternoons every fortnight.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Staff

The University of New South Wales has recently appointed Dr Geoffrey Nathan to the permanent post of Lecturer in Ancient and Pre-modern World History. It marks the first time UNSW has made such an appointment.

New Courses

The presence of Ancient History as a distinct and permanent field will be manifest in new course offerings in the following school year. Beginning in 2004, the School of History will be offering a year-long upper level course on the ancient world. The first semester will be devoted to the ancient Near East (Mesopotamia, Egypt, ancient Israel, and Persia) and Greece. The second term will cover Rome, from its origins to the period of Late Antiquity.

Mr Roger Pitcher of Sydney Grammar School also is present in the Languages School, offering two years of course work in Latin. Included at the second year level is a section on women and law in ancient Rome.

Visiting Professor Richard Bauman also continues to teach legal history in the School of Law. His recent interest in human rights has resulted in a course entitled "Human Rights in Ancient Rome."

The future includes plans to broaden ancient studies at UNSW. A two-year set of upper level courses dealing in much greater detail with the ancient Mediterranean will become standard starting in 2005. An introductory ancient history course and an Honour's thesis seminar are in the works. It is hoped that ancient and/or *koine* Greek will be offered by 2005. Finally, the possible creation of a Classical Studies Programme is under serious consideration. Pending approval and support, the Classical Studies Program would be an interdisciplinary curriculum, combining history, classical civilization, philology, and art history.

In short, the future of ancient studies at UNSW looks bright.

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Publications

The edition of *Martial: Select Epigrams* by Patricia and Lindsay Watson in the "Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics" series came out in June, and Lindsay Watson's edition of Horace's *Epodes* (OUP) is about to appear (it should have been out in August, but technical difficulties at the press held up its release).

The following publications are planned for 2003/4:

1. Selected papers from the Greek Drama III Conference, edited by John Davidson, Frances Muecke, and Peter Wilson, to be published by the Institute of Classical Studies, London.
2. The 15th Todd Memorial Lecture ("Bonds of Danger") which was given by Professor Kathleen Coleman in August 2002.

Conferences

Patricia and Lindsay Watson have recently returned from attendance at the first international "Gronigen Colloquium on Flavian Poetry" held at the University of Gronigen on 19-23 August. There were about 50 attendees from 10 countries; 59 papers were offered, of which only 32 were accepted, including one on "The Unity of Martial's Epigrams" by Lindsay Watson, and another on "Contextualising Martial's Metre" by Pat Watson. The conference was an outstanding success, and more are planned for the future.

5-9 July 2004: Pacific Rim Latin Literature Conference. This will be a joint enterprise between the Classics Departments of the University of Sydney and of the University of New England. The conference will be held in Sydney, and the convenors will be Frances Muecke and Charles Tesoriero. The theme is "Literature and Performance" ("performance" covering a wide range of senses including the metaphorical), but papers on other topics will be considered.

Next Todd Memorial Lecture

Professor Joseph Farrell (Pennsylvania) has accepted our invitation to deliver the 16th Todd Memorial Lecture in August 2004. A friend of Kevin Lee's, Joe Farrell is one of a generation of younger and exciting Latinists interested in broader aspects of Latin culture.

Seminar Papers

The highly successful and well-attended Monday evening seminar series sponsored by the Departments of Classics and of Ancient History continue this semester. Professor Grant Parker (Duke University) contributed a paper to this series in August on "Monuments on the move: the lives of obelisks". In addition to local staff and students, other visitors will be contributing to the series in the rest of the semester: Dr Charles Tesoriero (UNE), Dr Ben Kelly (recently appointed at ANU), Dr Jane Bellemore (Newcastle), Dr Suzanne Dixon (formerly at Queensland), and Dr Han Baltussen (Adelaide).

In addition a well-supported seminar series on Thursday afternoons is being run this semester again, at which honours and postgraduates students have the opportunity to give a presentation on their thesis topics.

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

Staff

We have replaced Dr Rhiannon Evans, who has now taken up a lectureship at the University of Melbourne, with Dr Jessica Dietrich and Dr Paul Burton on a job-share basis. Dr Dietrich has particular expertise in Roman visual and literary culture, while Dr Burton is a Roman republican historian. They also share a major research interest in ethnicity in the Greek and Roman world. Both are currently based in the United States. We hope that they will be in Hobart by November.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Research

John Melville-Jones has been awarded a Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation grant to work in the Archivio di Stato and Biblioteca Marciana, Venice, during May 2004, on a book on the Fall of

Constantinople 1453.

Conference

John Melville-Jones was invited to attend a conference which took place at Istanbul University on May 30-31 to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the foundation of that university. He read a paper on Ottoman policy towards Thessalonica 1403-1430.



A development in ancient world studies in another university which may be of some interest. Can we take this as an encouraging sign of the ever-growing interest in our subject?

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

David Pritchard (Macquarie University) is currently teaching in and helping to develop a course on ancient Greek history at the University of Wollongong. This is the first time a dedicated course on ancient Greece has been offered at Wollongong. The enthusiasm of its 110 enrolled students bears out the unmet demand, to date, for tertiary training in ancient history in the Illawarra district. The Head of the School of History and Politics at the University of Wollongong, Professor Greg Melleuish, hopes to establish ancient history as part of the regular curriculum, so that a dedicated ancient historian can eventually be appointed. The School is especially interested in ancient Greek history, since it provides a critical background for the study of politics, democracy and warfare in the modern era.



As the Classics Departments in New Zealand Universities are about to become affiliated with ASCS, the Editor thought it worthwhile to report on some of the things that have been happening on the other side of the Tasman.

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

Staff

Ms Bridget Buxton (MA VUW) completed her PhD at Berkeley under the supervision of Professor Erich Gruen and took up a position as lecturer at the University of Auckland on 1st July. When the amalgamation of New Zealand departments with ASCS is finalised she will be taking on the role of university representative on the ASCS executive committee.

Associate Professor Anne Mackay became head of department from 1st July, succeeding Dr Paul McKechnie.

Conference

Between 5-7 July this year, 44 people came together at the University of Auckland for a conference on Cicero's *Philippics*, a group of speeches somewhat neglected in recent scholarship, though important as historical evidence for the period 44-43 BC and as examples of public rhetoric in a dangerous, turbulent period. Scholars from England, the USA, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand delivered 20 papers on various aspects of the speeches and appreciated the opportunity to focus in detail on a defined set of texts. There were some especially pleasing features of the conference. One was the strong participation by graduate students, in terms of their numbers, papers

delivered, and contributions to debate. The convivial atmosphere was definitely assisted by the charms of the venue, Old Government House, which included the entirely coincidental location of the staff bar next door to the main conference room. There were virtually two conference dinners because almost all the participants went for an evening meal together on the first night, followed by the conference dinner proper the following night. It was a major bonus that the Auckland weather was remarkably pleasant, given the time of year. The highlight of the final session was the "arrest" of Marcus Wilson by soldiers of Legio II Augusta (locals enthusiasts who go in for re-enactments in the equipment of Roman soldiers); they were certain that he was Cicero and that he had been proscribed, but were in the end convinced that the list they were waving around was in fact next year's teaching programme and so he was returned slightly ruffled but on the whole unharmed. In sum, there was a wonderful spirit engendered at this conference that was a credit to all those who contributed seriously at academic sessions during the day and in more relaxed vein in the evenings.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Staff

Dr Jon Hall is currently Acting Head of Department. He has also agreed to be convenor for the proposed ASCS conference to be held in Dunedin in February 2005 in conjunction with the regular triennial conference of New Zealand Classics Departments due to be held there that year, and he has actually begun some preliminary planning.

A position in the department is currently being advertised, preferably for a Greek and/or Roman historian.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Staff

John Davidson has been appointed to the Chair of Classics and took up his appointment on 1st August. Stephen Epstein has been appointed to a half time position as Director of the Asian Studies Institute (the other half still in Classics). We have been allowed to advertise for a full time two year position to replace him. The currently advertised permanent position is the replacement for John Davidson's former position.

Courses

We can report increased Latin enrolments at second and third year levels which is undoubtedly a flowon effect from the beginners summer Latin courses introduced 3 years ago. We have also had record enrolments in the first year Greek Literature, Myth and Society course and the second/third year Roman Social History course.

Visitors

As visitors to the Classics programme this year we have had John Barron (April), Geoffrey Greatrex (May), and Jeff Tatum (July). We have both Alan Bowman and Nigel Spivey coming later this month, and Dick Green in October.

Conference

Diana Burton was co-convenor in July of the London conference "Good Deaths, Bad Deaths: Death, Dying and Burial in the Ancient World".