
RHETORIC NEWSLETTER

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Warsaw Conference Notes and Actions; Call for 2003 Meeting in Madrid & Calahorra

In its first-ever meeting in Eastern Europe, the International Society for the History of Rhetoric held its thirteenth biennial conference in Warsaw 23-29 July, 2001. 1999-2001 ISHR president Jerzy Axer presided over a varied and stimulating program, which included some 230 participants from 26 countries. Of particular note was the increased participation of scholars from Eastern and Central Europe, who brought special insight to the conference theme of "The Rhetoric of Transformation." The success of this topic in Warsaw is sure to make it a fruitful area of inquiry in future ISHR meetings.

Incoming ISHR President Professor Tomás Albaladejo Mayordomo (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid) announced plans for the next biennial conference, to be held 14-19 July 2003 at two sites in Spain: Madrid and Calahorra (the birthplace of Quintilian). The conference theme is to be "Rhetoric and Society," and a special focus will be a discussion forum on the topic "Past/Present," which will be devoted to papers addressing the present relevance of historical rhetoric. A call for papers and a form for abstracts are contained in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

During the Society's business meeting, the following slate, as proposed by the Nominating Committee, was elected:

International Vice-President (2001-2003)

Lawrence D. Green (University of Southern California, USA)

Six Council Members (2001-2005)

Marie-Pierre Noël (Université de Montpellier, France)

Francisco Chico Rico (Universidad de Alicante, Spain)

Jameela Lares (University of Southern Mississippi, USA)

Craig Kallendorf (Texas A&M University, USA)

Jeroen Bons (University of Utrecht, Netherlands)

Maria Zubrycka (University of Lviv, Ukraine)

Stephen McKenna (The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.) was elected to serve as International Secretary-General (2001-2003); Don Abbott (University of

California, Davis) was re-elected as International Treasurer (2001-2003). Outgoing Secretary-General Jean Dietz Moss (The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.) was warmly applauded for her services to the Society and was granted an honorary lifetime membership. In addition, outgoing Nominating Committee chair and past President Marijke Spies (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam) was granted an honorary lifetime membership.

The Secretary-General-elect reported on a relatively small response to the research questionnaire distributed with the Winter 2000 *Newsletter*. Future plans for a research directory merit further discussion.

International Treasurer Don Abbott reported that the Society is in very good financial condition, and that it would consequently not be necessary to raise membership or subscription rates at this time. The Council will have as an agenda item at its 2002 meeting in Calahorra the subject of reduced rates for scholars and institutions in Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Rhetorica Editor Peter Mack (University of Warwick, UK) reported that the editorial policy is now available on-line through the ISHR website. He then announced that he would be stepping down from his position as editor and urged the Society to support his successor by agreeing to referee submissions. Prof. Mack was warmly applauded for his services to the Society.

In other matters, a proposal from the floor called for establishing awards for (1) the best orator and/or scholar in the Society; (2) the best book by a member of the society; (3) the best student paper. It was determined that the proposal will be taken up at the 2002 Council meeting.

It was also proposed that an ISHR logo and/or banner be created so as to be visible at future meetings, particularly where the logo of a corporate or other private sponsor would also be visible. No determination was made for dealing with this suggestion.

President Jerzy Axer, who by provision of the ISHR Constitution serves on the next Nominating Committee, agreed to chair the Committee; he then proposed the following additional members:

Robert Gaines (University of Maryland, USA)

Lynette Hunter (University of Leeds, UK)

Gerardo Ramírez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, México)

Members of the Society are invited to propose future candidates for International Vice-President and for membership on the Council (send to Jerzy Axer: axer@obta.uw.edu.pl). They are reminded that the Vice-President succeeds automatically to the Presidency, and must organize the subsequent biennial conference (2007). The Constitution requires that the Vice-President must be a citizen of a different country from that of the President; therefore, as Lawrence Green will be president in 2003-2005, no United States citizen is eligible for the office of Vice-President.

Since members chosen for the Council reflect the international nature of the Society, the home countries of retiring Council members should be kept in mind. The six continuing Council members are Gualtiero Calboli (Università di Bologna, Italy); Diane Desrosiers-Bonin (McGill University, Canada); Michael Edwards (University of London, UK); Mariateresa Galaz Juárez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico); Pernille Harsting (Københavns Universitet, Denmark); and Wulf Wülfing (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany).

OTHER NEWS

After several years of discussion, plans are in place for a special ISHR conference to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2004 (in addition to the 2003 and 2005 Biennial Conferences). The conference will build on the Warsaw conference's focus on the rhetoric of national transformation with the theme of "Rhetoric and Democracy." The conference will be organized under the direction of Phillipe-Joseph Salazar. A call for papers will be published in a future issue of *Rhetorica*, and further detail will be forthcoming in the *Newsletter*.

The Italian ISHR Section, in cooperation with the Dipartimento di Scienze dell'Antichità (Università "G. d'Annunzio" - Cieti) held a conference 29-30 October 2001 in Chieti, Italy, entitled "Ars/Techne: Il manuale tecnico nelle civiltà greca e romana." Current ISHR members participating included Gualtiero Calboli, Lucia Calboli Montefusco, Pierre Chiron, Antonino Milazzo, Gabriela Moretti, Marie Pierre Noël, Adriano Pennacini, Laurent Pernot, Luigi Spina, Maddalena Vallozza and Maria Silvana Celentano (organizer of the conference).

Members will be pleased to learn that Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies has recently reprinted James Murphy's *Rhetoric in the Middle Ages* and *Three Medieval Rhetorical Arts*. The books may be ordered from the MRTS website: <www.asu.edu/clas/acmrs/mrts>. There is a 20% discount for current ISHR members.

THE NORDIC NETWORK FOR THE HISTORY OF RHETORIC

In Scandinavia, Pernille Harsting (Copenhagen, Denmark) and Stefan Ekman (Gothenburg, Sweden) have organized the Nordic Network for the History of Rhetoric. It is the purpose of the NNRH (i.e., the Nordisk Netværk for

Retorikkens Historie) to support the development of Nordic scholarship and research collaboration in the history of rhetoric, as well as to further the internationalization of Nordic research in this field. The NNRH aims to achieve this by arranging conferences and symposia, by engaging Nordic scholars in the international research environment, and by making Nordic studies available to an international audience.

The NNRH was founded in December 1999 and now comprises 90 members from Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The Network's first conference, on "New Nordic Research in the History of Rhetoric," was held in Copenhagen in October 2000. A selection of the papers presented at the conference is being published in English (ed. by S. Ekman and P. Harsting). The second Nordic conference of the NNRH will take place in Helsinki, Finland, from August 25 through 28, 2002. The theme for the Helsinki conference is "The Role of Rhetoric through History."

For more information about the Network, the forthcoming publication, the conference of 2002, and other membership activities, see NNRH's homepage <www.nnrh.dk> or contact Dr. P. Harsting, Dept. of Greek and Latin, University of Copenhagen, Njalsgade 92, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark (e-mail: nnrh@get2net.dk).

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