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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN CANADA—JULY 21-26, 1997

Marking the Twentieth Anniversary of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric, a panel discussion of the past and future history of rhetoric by Past Presidents and Founding Members will open the Eleventh Biennial Conference on July 22 at the University of Saskatchewan. Almost two hundred presentations are planned on the theme, "The Greco-Roman Rhetorical Tradition: Alterations, Adaptations, Alternatives." As many as seven seminars will be running concurrently. Plenary addresses will be presented by Professors Laurent Pernot of Strasbourg, France; Christine Sutherland of Calgary, Canada; Thomas M. Conley of Urbana, Illinois, USA; and Marijke Spies of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Conference participants can pre-register for one of two computer workshops (Mac or IBM-PC) to discover resources in the history of rhetoric on the World Wide Web.

The welcoming reception on campus for the international conference will also be the closing reception for the annual conference of the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric, which takes place on July 21 at the University of Saskatchewan. The CSSR call for papers is included in this *Newsletter*. Members of either society can pay a joint registration fee to attend both conferences.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special events have been planned to show international visitors the history and cultures of the Canadian prairies. The University of Saskatchewan will be among the hosts of a reception at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon, where costumed guides will welcome visitors to the main street "Boomtown 1910" and other exhibits on pioneer settlement in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and some of Saskatoon's ethnic dance troupes will present Folkfest, an annual celebration of prairie multiculturalism held in August.

Guided tours of Wanuskewin Heritage Park, a sheltered river valley near Saskatoon where University archaeologists have found evidence of 6000 years of human habitation, will provide historical perspective for seminars on the discourse of North America's First Nations. The Park is unusual in the variety of sites found in one location, including teepee rings, a buffalo jump and pond, and a medicine wheel. Since space is limited, register early. Bring walking shoes. To protect the archaeological sites, the trails are not accessible to wheelchairs, but the audio-visual shows, exhibit and seminar rooms, restaurant, and gift shop are accessible.

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The program will conclude with a banquet on Friday night at Saskatoon's luxurious Canadian National Railway hotel, the Delta Bessborough, an historic landmark set amid gardens on the South Saskatchewan River.

For those staying through Saturday night, a guided coach tour will take visitors to two important sites in Western Canadian history and to a typical prairie farm. Fort Carlton Provincial Historic Park illustrates the history of the Canadian fur trade. Batoche National Historic Park, a battlefield of the Northwest Rebellion, depicts the struggle of the descendants of the fur traders, the Metis, to maintain their way of life as the Canadian government opened the Old Northwest to pioneer settlement. The tour will end with supper and entertainment at the Barn Playhouse.

CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL FUNDING

The Society has received an International Congress grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to be used for conference administration, publication of proceedings, and travel of speakers. An editorial team led by Professor Sutherland is overseeing the publication of the session on "Women and the Rhetorical Tradition." Copies will be distributed in due course to members of the Society.

President Judith Rice Henderson has notified speakers who applied for travel funding before the deadline for the SSHRCC application of the results of their application. As funding is limited, high priority has been given to invited speakers and to graduate students and independent scholars. No further applications can now be considered. Those speakers who have been promised funding should inform the Conference and Catering Office of that when they book accommodation in a University residence. The cost of their residence accommodation will be paid directly from the grant to the Conference organizers. Those wishing to stay in hotels should pay the hotel directly and submit receipts. The grant also pays directly the conference registration fee (not fees for special events) of graduate students who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants or who are registered in a graduate program in Canada. All students are asked to supply proof of registration in a degree program to qualify for waived or reduced fees.

