

IV. REPORTS ON CONFERENCES, 1979

LOUVAIN, 7-8 April 1979

A conference of the "Wijsgerig Gezelschap", held on 7-8 April 1979 in Louvain, was dedicated to Philosophy and Rhetoric. The following lectures were presented: S. IJsseling*, "Macht, Taal en Begeerte"; C. Steel, "Ethiek en Retoriek. Beschouwingen bij een actuele vraag vanuit het Antieke en Middeleeuwse denken"; Ch. Perelman*, "Philosophie et rhétorique". The proceedings have been published (as a special issue of the journal Tijdschrift voor Filosofie, 41:1979, no. 3) by the Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte.

VIENNA, 16 May 1979

At a 'feierliche Sitzung der Oesterreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften' on 16 May 1979 Werner Welzig presented the paper "Weheklagen in Wien. Abraham a Sancta Claras Beschreibung der Pest von 1679".

AMSTERDAM, 26-29 June 1979

The second international conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric was held at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Local arrangements were made by the Netherlands Conference Committee: W.L.M. Bronzwaer (Catholic U. Nijmegen); S. Dresden (U. of Leiden); W.P. Gerritsen (U. of Utrecht); E.K. Grootes (U. of Amsterdam); F.J. van Ingen (Free U. Amsterdam); A. Kibédi Varga (2nd Vice-President, Free U. Amsterdam); A.D. Leeman (U. of Amsterdam); P.H. Schrijvers (U. of Groningen); P. Tuynman (U. of Amsterdam); B. Vickers (international chairman, ETH Zürich); H.J. Verdaasdonk (conference treasurer, Free U. Amsterdam).

The programme was as follows:

Wednesday, 27 June, morning:

Plenary Session:

-- S. Dresden (Leiden), "Invention and imagination".

afternoon:

Plenary Session on Dutch Rhetoric:

-- Juliusz Domąński (Warszawa), "Philosophie und Rhetorik bei Erasmus von Rotterdam"

-- J.N. Meter (U. Napoli), "La rhétorique dans la pensée littéraire de Daniel Heinsius"

-- Marijke Spies (U. Amsterdam), "Argumental Aspects of Rhetoric and their Impact on Vondel's Poetry"

Section Meetings: I Invention, Ancient and Modern

-- P.H. Schrijvers (U. Groningen), "La théorie des émotions chez Cicéron et Quintilien et ses rapports avec l'invention et l'imagination"

- A. Michel (U. Paris-Sorbonne), "E. Arnould et la théorie de l'invention originale au XIXe siècle"
- Josina M. Makau (U. Berkeley, CA), "Ethical and Juridical Argument - a critical look at Perelman's New Rhetoric"

Section II: Philosophers of Rhetoric

- Hugh Davidson (U. Virginia), "Voltaire, Newton and Rhetoric"
- Craig R. Smith (U. Alabama-Birmingham), "Martin Heidegger's Impact on the History of Rhetorical Theory"
- John R. Lyne (U. Iowa), "C.S. Peirce's Philosophy of Rhetoric"

Section III: Style, Ancient and Modern

- Brian Vickers (ETH Zürich), "On writing the history of elocutio"
- Edward Tomarken (U. Miami, Ohio), "The 18th Century Theory of Language as seen in Warburton's Essay on Egyptian Hieroglyphics"
- Gerald Gillespie (Stanford U.), "Kleist's Theory of Affective Expression"

Presidential Address: Brian Vickers (ETH Zürich), "The Domain of Rhetoric"

Thursday, 28 June:

Section IV: Rhetoric as Formative

- Judith Rice Henderson (U. Saskatchewan), "Erasmus on the Art of Letter Writing"
- Marie-Luce Launay (Olivet, France), "La rhétorique de l'action dans la prose du XVIe siècle en France"
- Renate Lachmann (U. Konstanz), "Inventio, elocutio and the Consolidation of Communication Forms in 17th Century Russia"

Section V: Later Views on Aristotle

- Barbara Gerl (U. München), "Three Rhetorical Issues in John of Salisbury's Metalogicon"
- William L. Benoit (Wayne State U.), "Aristotle's Example Reconsidered"
- Hans Georg Coenen (U. Münster), "Mataphernerklärung in der Rhetorique générale und bei Aristoteles"

Section VI: The Figures

- S. Hegnauer (U. Zürich), "The Rhetorical Figure of Systrophe"
- Pierre Zobermann (U. Columbia), "Figures du discours et structures du savoir"
- Marc Fumaroli (U. Paris-Sorbonne), "La figure logique de la définition et la figure rhétorique de la description dans la théorie et la pratique des jésuites"

Section VII: Rhetoric and Psychology

- Don Abbott (U. Indiana), "Antonio de Capmany's Theory of Human Nature"
- Ian Thomson (U. Leicester), "The Unconscious Generation of Metaphor: Whiter's Commentary on Shakespeare"
- Samuel Jaffe (U. Chicago), "Freud as Rhetorician, Elocutio and Dream Work"

Section VIII: Invention: The Theory

- Anton Leeman (U. Amsterdam), "Horace's consultation of the lawyer Trebatius (Serm. 2,1) and its relation to rhetorical status"
- Mariantonia Liborio (Inst. Univ. Orientale, Napoli), "Rhetorical topoi as clues in Chrétien de Troyes"
- Joachim Dyck (U. Freiburg i. Br.), "Argumentationstheorie: Versuch einer Kritik"

Section IX: Rhetoric and Medieval Poetry

- Paolo Bagni (U. Bologna), "L'inventio nell'ars poetica latino-medievale"
- Franz Quadlbauer (U. Kiel), "Narratio-Technik und gradus amoris"
- N.H.J. van den Boogaard (U. Amsterdam), "The Art of Memory and the Old French Roman de la Rose"

Friday, 29 June:

Section X: Ethics and Ethos

- Klaus Berger (Heidelberg), "Rhetorik und Ethik in der Frühchristlichen Briefliteratur"
- D. Briesemeister (Joh. Gutenberg U., Mainz), "Rhetoric and Ethics in Nineteenth Century Spanish Ecclesiastic Oratory"
- George E. Yoos (St. Cloud State U., Minnesota), "Ethical Appeal in Rhetoric"

Section XI: Rhetoric as a Fine Art

- Gerald P. Mohrman (Davis, CA), "The Theory of Oratorical Delivery and Renaissance Painting Theory"
- Floyd D. Anderson (S.U.N.Y.-Brockport) and Andrew A. King (U. Arizona), "William Hazlitt and the romantic assault on the Commonplace"
- Eric W. Skopec (U. Syracuse), "The Theory of Expression in Selected 18th Century Rhetorics"

Plenary Session at the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences:

Business Meeting, Election of Officers

Reception offered by the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences

There having been a surplus quantity of Abstracts printed, these have been distributed to the national treasurers. Members who were unable to attend the conference and wish to receive a copy should write direct to their treasurer (addresses on pp.67-8).

On behalf of all members of the society who were able to attend the conference, which was generally agreed to have been not only a success on the intellectual level, but also a model of organisation, we should like to thank Prof. Kibédi Varga, Dr. Hugo Verdaasdonk, and especially Ms. Marije van Urk, Congress Bureau of the Vrije Universiteit. We are also most grateful to the Rector Magnificus, Vrije Universiteit, and to its Faculty of Letters, each of whom offered us a reception, and to the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences and its president, Prof. Sam Dresden for making their historic and splendid building available to us for the Business meeting, and for offering a memorable concluding reception.