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GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members

This newsletter, like the last, contains information in a number of sections:

1. Conferences
2. Positions vacant
3. Miscellaneous
4. Public Lectures

Thanks to those who have contributed items of interest, and please forward me anything you would like included in the next issue. We are looking forward to seeing several of you at Prayer and Spirituality conference in Melbourne in July.

Regards,

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I. CONFERENCES

Pac Rim Roman Literature Seminar, University of Auckland, New Zealand, 27-29 June 2005.

Theme: War and Peace in Roman Literature. Abstracts for papers due 27 May to Marcus Wilson, <mailto:mj.wilson@auckland.ac.nz>.

For further information please contact Mark Davies (<mailto:m.davies@auckland.ac.nz>).

26th Classical Association of South Africa Conference

Planning for the 26th Classical Association of South Africa Conference to be held in South Africa 5-7 July 2005 on the theme of Classical Receptions is now well advanced. For details please consult the website at: http://www.expertise.und.ac.za/casa/casa_conference_2005.htm.

Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church IV

Presented by the Centre for Early Christian Studies including The Western Pacific Rim Patristics Association. Theme: "The Spiritual Life". Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, 6-9 July, 2005. Call for papers now closed. Details of the program can be found on the website <http://www.prayerspirit.com.au>.

Note to all attendees: there is a PUBLIC LECTURE on the Thursday before the conference begins. Please see below for details. Also, please note that a general meeting of WPRPS members will be called on Thursday 7 July at 3.45pm.

Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity

2nd annual Conference of Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Boston, on Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity, October 13-15 2005. Call for short papers closes on August 15. Email abstracts to <mailto:beck.bruce@comcast.net>.

Further details and preliminary program can be found at <http://www.pappaspatristic.hchc.edu/ConfOct05.htm>.

Call for Papers, 12th Annual ACMRS Conference

Poverty and Prosperity, the Rich and the Poor in the Middle Ages and Renaissance

16 - 18 February 2006

ACMRS (the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies) invites session and paper proposals for its twelfth annual interdisciplinary conference to be held 16-18 February 2006. The Center welcomes papers that explore any topic related to the study and teaching of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and especially those that focus on this year's theme of poverty and prosperity, both in its literal and metaphorical manifestations.

Selected papers related to the conference theme will be considered for publication in the twelfth volume of the "Arizona Studies in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance" series, published by Brepols Publishers (Belgium).

The conference keynote speaker will be Mark R. Cohen, Professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. Professor Cohen's research focuses on the history of Jews living in Arab lands in the Middle Ages, and he has just completed a study of poverty and charity in the Geniza period.

The conference registration fee is \$80 (\$45 for students) and includes welcoming and concluding receptions, two days of concurrent sessions (Friday and Saturday), and keynote address. Please note that there will be an opening reception during the evening of Thursday, 16 February. In order to streamline the committee review process, submissions will only be accepted electronically by 1 October at <http://link.library.utoronto.ca/acmrs/conference/>. Questions? Call 480-965-9323 or email <mailto:acmrs@asu.edu>.

2. POSITIONS VACANT

MA and PhD STUDENTSHIPS IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

University of Newcastle upon Tyne

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

School of Historical Studies (Classics - History - Archaeology)

The School of Historical Studies at Newcastle University is pleased to advertise

* 2 one-year Masters Studentship Awards (stipend £10,500 + home/EU-fees) for postgraduate study in Newcastle's Wellcome Trust recognised MA programme in the History of Medicine (see <http://historical-studies.ncl.ac.uk/postgraduate/resources/index.asp>)

* 1 three-year PhD studentship in the History of Medicine, (stipend £15,732 - £16,519 - £17,345 p.a. + home/EU-fees) for PhD study in the History of Medicine, in particular the history of Greek and Roman medicine and/or its reception, though applicants with interests in other areas are also encouraged to apply.

The studentships are funded by the Wellcome Trust and will be available as of September 2005. The studentships are part of the History of Medicine teaching and research supervision at Newcastle supported by the Wellcome Trust, which draws upon the resources provided by the Centre for the History of Medicine, a partnership between the universities of Newcastle and Durham (see <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/niassh/research/centres/hom.htm>)

MA studentships Eligibility: Applicants for the MA studentships require a good (predicted) undergraduate degree result (1st or high 2:1) in a subject within the Humanities and Social Sciences (e.g. History, Classics, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Archaeology, Psychology, Sociology, etc.). Candidates with a medical background are also encouraged to apply, and the studentships are open to current stage 4 Newcastle medical students who have opted to take the MA in the History of Medicine as an intercalated degree after stage 4 MBBS. Applications from overseas candidates with equivalent qualifications are also very welcome.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

Bibliographies

Antti Arjava's latest version of his women in Late Antiquity bibliography has been posted at <http://www.nipissingu.ca/departement/history/muhlberger/orb/arjava3.htm>.

The ORB Late Antiquity site has numerous useful bibliographies, starting from here: <http://www.nipissingu.ca/departement/history/muhlberger/orb/biblios.htm>.

Scholars of the Fribourg/Freiburg University, Switzerland

have discovered unpublished texts from 5th-6th century. It is a compendium of correspondence between Procopius and the young lawyer Megethios. See <http://www.unifr.ch/main/news/detail.php?nid=316>.

4. PUBLIC LECTURES

- A Public Lecture by Evangelos Chrysos (Athens) on “From Exegesis to Heresy: The Educational Background in the Age of Monophysitism in the East” will be held on Thurs 30 June at 6.30pm (Provisional location: the Sharwood room at Trinity College), University of Melbourne. All welcome to attend. Please contact <mailto:r.scott@unimelb.edu.au> for details and to confirm location.
- Prof Susan Ashbrook-Harvey will be giving a public lecture entitled: “Praying Bodies, Bodies at Prayer: Ritual Relations in Early Syriac Christianity” at Federation Square, Melbourne on Wednesday 6 July 2005 at 8pm, as part of the Prayer and Spirituality conference. Contact <mailto:prayerspirit@patrick.acu.edu.au> for details.
- Prof Philip Rousseau (Catholic University of America) will be giving a public lecture on “The Ascetic Life in the Early Church: Current Issues and Approaches” at Australian Catholic University, McAuley Campus, Brisbane, on Thurs. 14 July, at 5pm. All welcome to attend. Please contact <mailto:b.neil@mcauley.acu.edu.au> for details.