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For the month of January I was in Europe as part of my ARC fellowship on the letters of Innocent I. I examined the relevant manuscripts in the Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin and then in Munich at the Bayerische Staatsbibliothek.



As this was my first visit to Berlin not only did I have the fun of trudging through the snow of a particularly cold winter, but I had the opportunity of visiting the Pergamonmuseum, the Bodemuseum, and the Altesmuseum to see the fantastic collections of material from classical antiquity. Photographs taken there will become a valuable research and teaching resource. It was also a great opportunity to refresh myself on Prussian history with a visit to Schloss Charlottenburg in Berlin and the palace complex of Park Sanssouci at Potsdam.

While in Munich I visited the Staatliche Antikensammlungen and revisited the Glyptothek, again adding to my resource collection of classical antiquity, particularly in anticipation of developing a unit of classical Greek history.



The end of the trip provided the chance to visit Constanța, the Roman city of Tomis, on the Black Sea, to where Ovid was exiled by the Emperor Augustus. The History and Archaeological Museum was also most rewarding.

On 30-31 January I attended the Centre's annual meeting of all its members on our Brisbane campus.

From 2-6 February I attended the 30th annual conference of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies, at Sancta Sophia College, University of Sydney, where I presented a paper entitled "The Last Republican Metellan Consul: Q. Caecilius Metellus Pius Scipio" and attended several executive and general meetings.

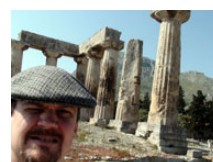
At the end of April I had the opportunity to visit Spain. From 25 April to 3 May I visited the Real Monasterio de San Lorenzo de El Escorial and the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid to consult their manuscript collections. I also had the opportunity to visit Segovia and Toledo.



From 7 to 9 May I attended the annual incontro di studioso cristiana antica at the Augustinianum in Rome, where this year's theme was on deacons and diakonia. I presented a paper entitled "Deacons in the Early Fifth Century: Canonical Developments in Rome Under Innocent I."

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After this conference I went to Greece for the first time, particularly in anticipation of developing a unit of classical Greek history. I based myself in Athens, where I saw the acropolis and agora, and managed to visit Piraeus, Marathon, Corinth, Sounio, Eleusis, and Delphi.



Following Greece, I attended the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society in Chicago from 21-23 May, where I presented a paper entitled "The Early Roman Perspective on the Pelagian Controversy," another paper related to my ARC project.

After Chicago it was off to Ottawa for the annual conference of the Canadian Society for Patristic Studies from 25-27 May, where I was this year conference programme co-ordinator. We had an exciting



and full programme of papers and events. I presented a paper entitled “Innocent I and the Italian Churches: The Letter to the Bruttians.”



On 2-3 July I was in Sydney attending the inaugural meeting of the staff of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at ACU.

From 10-12 September I attended the annual conference of the Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society at Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan, where my presentation “Papal Letters in the Early Fifth Century: The Example of Innocent I,” was one of two keynote presentations. This examination of the manuscript tradition of Innocent’s letters is a key part of my ARC project.



I also attended the annual conference of the Australian Early Medieval Association, at Monash University, Caulfield campus, in Melbourne, from 30 September – 2 October. I presented a paper entitled “Innocent I and the Suburbicarian Churches: The Letter to Florentius of Tivoli.” During the annual general meeting of the association I was elected editor of *Journal of the Australian Early Medieval Association*.

From 26-28 October I was at the Episcopal Elections in Late Antiquity (ca. 250 – ca. 600 AD) conference at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, in Belgium. My presentation “Canonical Legislation on the Ordination of Bishops: Innocent I’s Letter to Victorius of Rouen,” was one of the keynote presentations. Again, it is part of my ARC-funded project.



During this trip I took the opportunity of visiting Rouen itself and afterwards of visiting the ancient Serdica (modern Sofia, in Bulgaria), which was such an important city in late antiquity.



