

NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE

Paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a \$10.00 (20% discount) subscription to volumes 6 (1981) and 7 (1982) of the American Journal of Ancient History. Subscriptions should be addressed to: Editor, AJAH, Harvard University, Robinson Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

VIEWPOINTS: Ancient History and the AHA

From time to time there are rumblings in our ranks that ancient history should have a greater role in the AHA, especially on its Christmas program. It has been suggested to me that I try to place this matter in an historical perspective.

Let me observe first that in my experience the administrative agencies of the AHA have always been supportive of ancient history. As executive secretary in the early 1960's Paul Ward gave us unstinting aid and covered travel expenses for a group seeking to secure foundation aid for linguistic training of budding "ancients." As to the Christmas programs I have served once on the program committee of the AHA and had a good deal to do with securing adequate sessions in our subject. If one proposes a complete package (2 or 3 papers, chairman and commentators), the program committee almost certainly will rubber-stamp it in great relief. Submission, however, of only one paper is not likely to go far; the committee will not search for companion papers.

It is one thing to propose a program, quite another to guarantee a proper scholarly audience. Herein lies an almost insurmountable problem; many if not most of us who are willing to leave domestic hearths at Christmas will go to APA-AIA meetings. The last time I recall when a large percentage of the major figures of our profession met at an AHA convention was in 1941, when Rostovtzeff, Laistner, Olmstead, Larsen and others (plus distinguished exiles such as Grégoire) were present; if I met Ferguson, L.R. Taylor, and others, it was at APA sessions. As long as this predisposition exists--and I do not criticize it--we have little grounds for finding fault with the AHA; it is quite willing on the whole to take our initiatives, if we provide them in solid form.

Chester G. Starr, Bentley Professor of History, University of Michigan

The note in the newsletter of the AHA, Perspectives, for January that the 1983 Program committee had not yet received enough proposals in the area of ancient history (p. 3) caused some soul-searching in our own association. I asked our

founding president, Chester Starr, to give us a historian's viewpoint of the reasons for our lack of participation at the national meeting of one of the organisations with whom we are particularly interested in collaborating, which is also the only learned society with which we are formally affiliated. His comments will be found above. It seems clear that what draws us away from the AHA is the rival attraction of the APA-AIA meeting. But, given the current economic constraints, perhaps more of us will feel inclined to attend the AHA meeting if it is the nearer of the two.

In 1978, auspice Badian and with the aid of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the AAH sponsored a panel on the Roman Empire after 2000 years at the APA meeting in Vancouver. If anyone would like to propose a 'complete package' for the 1984 meeting of the AHA, which the AAH might support, now is the time to start planning. the APA will soon be calling for proposals for panels at its 1983 meeting, and there will be no dearth of topics in ancient history there. Since the Friends of Ancient History (and surely most AAH members are either Friends or at least friends of Friends) have their regular place in the the program of the APA, there has perhaps seemed no need for our association to consider proposing an official AAH panel every year. But now that our membership has grown so considerably and that it has become more difficult for many of us to attend both the APA-AIA meetings and our own meeting in May, it may be appropriate to consider whether the introduction of a regular session sponsored by the AAH at the Christmas meetings might be useful as a consolation to those of us who cannot attend the May meeting every year. Any comments on this idea will be very welcome and can be made either by mail or at the business meeting in Madison.

While I am on this topic, I should like to note that even if jet-setting becomes difficult, we can secure the continued visibility of ancient history at the smaller learned meetings. Regional meetings of both classical and historical associations (and thanks to the generosity of SSHRCC) the national meeting of the Classical Association of Canada remain relatively accessible.

We welcome news of activities at all of these and at the many specialized conferences.

Again in the context of our collaboration with the AHA, I have recently had the pleasure (though not while wearing my AAH hat) of helping Michael Jameson (who was not wearing his APA hat but working à titre personnel) to solicit and submit to the AHA a list of proposed papers for the Congres international des Sciences historiques to be held in Stuttgart in the summer of 1985. The topics are laid down by the international committee who will now select from lists of potential speakers and commentators submitted by national historical associations from all over the world. The list of Greek and Roman historians from Canada and the U.S. is distinguished and their proposed

papers both original and scholarly. There are others whom we would like to have included in the AHA list, and whatever selection the international committee makes will unfortunately exclude from this particular congress work of outstanding quality. The list of those chosen will appear in a subsequent newsletter.

Susan Treggiari, President AAH

CORRECTION OF A PREVIOUS NEWS ITEM

In Newsletter 29 Fordham University was erroneously listed as one of the sponsors of The American Institute for Patristic and Byzantine Studies. Fordham University is not now and has not been associated with this institute in any way. The secretary apologizes to Fordham University for this unfortunate error.

DISSERTATIONS

Sara Denning Bolle, "Wisdom in Akkadian Literature: Expression, Instruction, Dialogue," UCLA, 1982; Supervisor Giorgio Buccellati.

Kelly L. Del Tredici, "Three Historiographical Problems in the Ancient Sources for the Reign of Constantius II (337-61)," Fordham University, 1982; Supervisor Robert J. Penella. Dr. Del Tredici is currently a student at the Harvard Divinity School.

WORK IN PROGRESS: A ROMAN LEGION DATA BASE

Last spring when I was preparing an article on the Legio XX Valeria Victrix, I inquired as to whether there was a handy index to the CIL and ILS. I was told there was none, and even if there were such an index where I could look up "XX Valeria Victrix," there would no doubt be recent archaeological finds not included in either the CIL or ILS. Therefore, I conceived the idea of developing a computer index to specific Roman legions, areas of recruitment, etc. Thus, my proposal is as follows:

Using such references as G. Forni's Il Reclutamento delle Legioni da Augusto a Diocleziano, information (origo of soldier, legion, etc.) would be entered into the data base and stored on floppy disks. Then by using the appropriate software, a specific legion, for example, might be selected and a list of all references to that legion printed out. Finally, the data base would not only include references to the Roman legions from the CIL, but also more recent inscriptions and other references.

To test the workability of such a project, I entered references to Roman legions from Appendices A and B of Forni into a computerized file. Given certain limitations of the program (no record may be more than 77 characters or one line long) it was possible to select a given legion and obtain a print-out of Forni's references to that legion. Because of technical problems, however, different software from that used in this test run will be needed to complete the file.

Before continuing with this extensive project, therefore, I need the answers to two questions:

1. Would such a file be of use to Roman army scholars and other interested persons?
2. Is anyone else working on such a computerized file? I am willing to cooperate with him/her to avoid duplication of effort.

Correspondence concerning this project should be addressed to: Ms. Mary O. Minshall, 3943 Lonesome Pine Road, Redwood City, Calif. 94061.

***** CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Women's Classical Caucus will sponsor a panel on "Women in Antiquity" at the joint meeting of the AIA and the APA in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 27-30, 1983. Interested scholars in ancient history, Classics, anthropology, art history, comparative literature and related disciplines are invited to submit proposals by July 1, 1983 either in the form of an abstract of ca. 800 words or a fairly complete paper. Maximum time allowed will be 20 minutes. Possible need for audio-visual equipment should be indicated. Six anonymous copies of each proposal should be sent to: Prof. Marilyn B. Skinner, Panel chair; Dept. of Foreign Languages; Northern Illinois University; De Kalb, Illinois 60115.

The Friends of Ancient History invites all interested scholars to submit anonymous abstracts (3 copies) for the 1983 APA/AIA meeting in Cincinnati on the topic: "Approaches to the Economic History of Antiquity: Theories & Applications." Papers (20-25 minutes) may consider short or long epochs, special topics or the limitations of the enterprise itself. The panel will include three papers and a commentator. Send abstracts & a cover letter by July 15, 1983 to Prof. D. Lateiner, Ohio Wesleyan University, Humanities-Classics, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

PUBLICATIONS

Edwin Yamauchi, The Archaeology of New Testament Cities in Western Asia Minor (1980) \$7.95; The Stones and the Scriptures (1981) \$5.95; Eyes from the Northern Frontier: Invading Hordes from the Russian Steppes (1982) \$6.95; Hagner's World of the New Testament (Harp & Row: San Francisco, 1981) \$9.95. All are paperbacks & all but the last are published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jennifer Tolbert Roberts, Accountability in Athenian Government (U. of Wisconsin Press: Madison, 1982) \$30.00 (cloth).

In addition the following books have been brought to the secretary's attention: H. Strasburger, Studien zur Alten Geschichte, 2 vols. (Gims: Hildesheim, 1982); Jean Susorney Wellington, Dictionary of Bibliographic Abbreviations Found in the Scholarship of Classical Studies and Related Disciplines (Greenwood Pr.: Westport, Ct., 1983) \$45.00; Ancient Bulgaria, ed. A.G. Poulter, 2 vols. Proc. of Int. Symposium on the Ancient History & Archaeology of Bulgaria, \$20 + \$1.90 postage. Orders to be sent to: A.G. Poulter, Univ. of Nottingham, Dept. of Classical & Archaeological Studies, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN GREEK & LATIN EPIGRAPHY

The first epigraphy summer school will be held at the Institute of Classical Studies of London Univ. July 4-8, 1983. 25 places are available. Registration fees (£25) & Room reservation fees (£10) should be received by 31 May 1983 by: Mrs.

C. Roueche, Epigraphy Summer School, Institute of Classical Studies, 31-34 Gordon Square WC1H 0PY. Checks should be payable to: Epigraphy Summer School 1983.

PERSONALIA

Professor Glenn Bugh (Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University) has been appointed a junior fellow at the Center for Hellenic Studies for 1983/1984.

Professor William V. Harris (Columbia) will be a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford in Trinity Term 1983.

Prof. Marilyn B. Skinner has been appointed Coordinator of the Women's Studies Program at Northern Illinois University.

Professor Edwin Yamauchi (Miami University) is director of a workshop entitled "Christianity and Archaeology" to be held at Biola University, July 23-29, 1983 under the sponsorship of the NEH & the Coalition of Colleges.

Showing unusual good sense, The Natural Science Book Club chose the third edition of C.G. Starr's History of the Ancient World as its March, 1983 selection.

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The 1983 officers of the Friends of Ancient History are: Prof. Donald Lateiner (Ohio Wesleyan Univ.)-President; Prof. Kenneth Harl (Tulane Univ.)-Treasurer; Prof. Robert J. Rowland (Univ. of Missouri)-Secretary.

Dr. Donald M. Nicol (University of London) delivered the eleventh Stephen J. Brademas, Sr., Lecture on the topic "Byzantium and Greece" at Ball State University on April 7, 1983. For information concerning this distinguished lecture series, whose previous lecturers have included Sir. Ronald Syme and Sir Stephen Runciman, write to: Prof. J. Koumoulides, Dept. of History, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana 47306.

In honor of Prof. A. T. Raubitschek's 70th birthday the Stanford Univ. Classics dept. held a conference entitled "The Greek Historians: Literature & History" on March 25-26, 1983.

MEETINGS

The American Research Center in Egypt will hold its 1983 meeting at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 22-24.

The American Institute for Patristic & Byzantine Studies will hold its second symposium on the topic "The New Era & Thought of St. Photios the Great" on the island of Kos, Greece from July 14 to 16, 1983. For information contact the institute at: RR 1, Box 353-A; Kingston, N.Y. 12401.

The First International Congress of Greek and Arabic Studies will be held in Athens from June 19 to 24, 1983. For information write to Prof. V. Christides, 37, Solomou St., Kryoneri, Attikis, Greece.

DUES

The last dues notice brought a welcome response with the result that approximately one third of the membership have now paid their 1982/1983 dues. For the convenience of the remainder a coupon has been again included in this Newsletter.

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PERIODICALS

The following new periodicals have come to the Secretary's attention: Graeco-Arabica, 1 (1982), an annual volume devoted to the study of the cultural relations of Greece & the Arabo-Islamic world. Subscription: \$12.00. Address: Prof. V. Christides, 37, Solomou St., Kryoneri, Attikis, Greece. Macedonian Studies. Subscription: \$50.00. Address: Fulfillment Dept., Macedonian Studies, P.O. Box 3529, New Delhi-110024, India. Until May 30, 1983, paid up members of the AAH are entitled to a 50% discount on the following books: Zograph, Slav Bulgarian Monastery (\$10.00); V. Chadha, Salonica Brothers: Creators of Slav Bulgarian Alphabets (\$15.00); L. Kuba, A Book on Macedonia (\$15.00).

Of particular interest to college & secondary teachers of ancient history and classics are: Stentor (both scholarly & pedagogical articles); subscription \$3.00, address: Prof. K.R. Walters, editor, Dept. of Greek & Latin, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan 48202; and Classics Chronicle, inquiries to: The Concerned Classicists, 8600 S.W. 32nd Terrace, Miami, Florida 33139.

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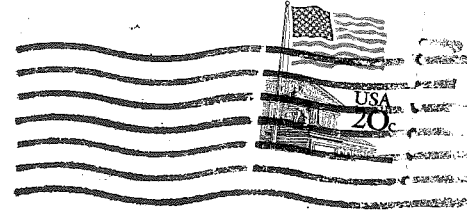
The application deadline for 1984-85 awards of the following NEH fellowships is June 1, 1983: Fellowships for Independent Study & Research; Fellowships for College Teachers; & Fellowships. The latter category deals with projects related to the early history of the US Constitution, constitutionalism or other topics appropriate to the Bicentenary of the Constitution. For information write to: Division of Fellowships & Seminars, Rm. 316, Natl. Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506.

NEH Humanities institute on the Teaching of Classical Civilization (June 20-July 29, 1983). Address: Prof. M.P.O. Moreford, Dept. of Classics, Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

LATE NEWS

Meyer Reinhold, Visiting University Professor at Boston University, has been appointed Director of its newly established Institute for the Classical Tradition in Other Cultures.

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Possible tenure track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning September 1983 in ANCIENT HISTORY. Specialization in Ancient Greece and/or Rome required. Ability to teach Latin/Classical Greek desirable. Ph.D. required. Send letter of application, vita, and dossier with references to Professor Bernard V. Burke, Chair, Department of History, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon, 97207. Salary: \$19,400. AA/BOE.