Dear Members,

We hope that everyone had a good summer and is now ready for the new academic year 2022/23, which will hopefully also be full of Neo-Latin activities.

The start of the new academic year is the time for the fourth quarterly SNLS Newsletter of 2022 (2022-4, number 32 of the series).

Once again this Newsletter offers an update on SNLS activities and provides a summary of what is happening in real life and in the virtual world. The SNLS website ([https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwarwick.ac.uk%2Ffac%2Farts%2Fren%2Fsnls%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ceb5d5d43e7fd45e3002f08d93c7f6825%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637607340169880696%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=z%2F%2BSNCYWfyzhHLWzR%2F9h5nOhH4Y%2FcThAA5CMlbpOi%2FA%3D&reserved=0)) continues to include various pieces of information; and there is an active SNLS Facebook group and Twitter feed (all accessible from the main SNLS homepage). Early modern activities are continuing despite the ongoing challenging circumstances. It is worth reiterating that SNLS is keen to maintain its support for members, adapted to the changed conditions.

If members have any suggestions of what else SNLS could do or would like to volunteer to run any initiatives, such offers would be very welcome: just get in touch!

SNLS news:

– SNLS Prizes 2022: The deadline for the undergraduate essay prize for this year has passed. The current round for the SNLS Ann Moss Essay Prize is still open with the deadline approaching; submissions from postgraduate students and early career scholars are invited (deadline: 15 October 2022; [https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/essayprize/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwarwick.ac.uk%2Ffac%2Farts%2Fren%2Fsnls%2Fnews%2Fessayprize%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ceb5d5d43e7fd45e3002f08d93c7f6825%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637607340169890652%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EWAc%2Fdgd%2F2g6ceehkiH86H7OlLQEQJWqCCYGiWMxAo0%3D&reserved=0)). Please advertise this opportunity to eligible people.

– SNLS Barclay Conference: This conference is now coming up. As 2021 was the four-hundredth anniversary of the death of John Barclay, in order to celebrate that, SNLS Vice-President Jacqueline Glomski and colleagues at the Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Neo-Latin Studies, William Barton and Florian Schaffenrath had planned a conference on John Barclay for 18-19 November 2021 in London (‘The *Argenis* at 400: John Barclay’s Writing and its Impact through the Centuries’), to which the SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2021 were to be linked. In view of the circumstances, it was felt that an in-person event with international participation was not feasible at this stage and that an online format would not be ideal for this conference. Thus, this conference was postponed to 17 and 18 November 2022, as a retrospective celebration of the anniversary. The SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2022 will take place in connection with the conference. The conference programme is now available on the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/?newsItem=8a17841a7a77377b017a81ea05883775>). Everyone is welcome to come along. People who wish to attend should register by sending a brief email to florian.schaffenrath@neolatin.lbg.ac.at.

- SNLS Annual Lecture and AGM 2022: The SNLS Annual Lecture and AGM will take place in connection with the Barclay conference, on 17 November 2022 (at Scottish House in London). The Annual Lecture will be delivered by Stefan Tilg on ‘Barclay and the roman-à-clef: his relation to the tradition and his impact’ (4.00-5.15 pm). The Lecture will be followed by the AGM (5.30-6.30 pm). Afterwards there will be the opportunity to join the speaker, conference participants and members of SNLS for dinner at a local restaurant. The agenda for the AGM will be circulated nearer the time. Any suggestions tor topics for discussion in advance would be welcome.

– SNLS Mentoring scheme: SNLS is operating a mentoring scheme for junior academics (PhD students, postdocs, early career scholars etc.); some pairs have been set up. Any other members who would like to be involved as mentors or mentees should get in touch with the President (at g.manuwald@ucl.ac.uk). Hopefully, this will be a helpful way to support the next generation of Neo-Latin researchers even further.

– SNLS Podcasts and Neo-Latin Anthology: Further contributions for the library of podcasts ([https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/podcast/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwarwick.ac.uk%2Ffac%2Farts%2Fren%2Fsnls%2Fpodcast%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ceb5d5d43e7fd45e3002f08d93c7f6825%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637607340169900606%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OspawZ%2FeSIjoRPiIXms4nS2u4kO3V%2BcH5yDoBVfR02c%3D&reserved=0)) or the Neo-Latin anthology ([https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/snls\_teaching\_anthology/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwarwick.ac.uk%2Ffac%2Farts%2Fren%2Fsnls%2Fsnls_teaching_anthology%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ceb5d5d43e7fd45e3002f08d93c7f6825%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637607340169910561%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IV%2BdsKN3nCdUSzL%2BrfDAGouBOPD6ntdjE5byTZMawE0%3D&reserved=0)) are warmly invited. These items are vital elements in promoting Neo-Latin to wider audiences. If anyone has ideas for contributions or would like to volunteer, please get in touch!

- SNLS Flyer: Jacqueline Glomski has kindly updated the SNLS flyer (available via the SNLS website): please feel free to circulate it where appropriate to publicize the Society.

– SNLS and IANLS: The 18th Congress of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (IANLS), postponed to 2022, was held in Leuven from 31 July to 5 August 2022. SNLS was represented at the advisory board meetings there by Brenda Hosington (many thanks!). These meetings clarified some organizational matters for IANLS. Subsequently, IANLS launched a new website design and introduced a new subscription service for their newsletter. The webmaster reports: "In the past weeks, I have relaunched the IANLS website with a more modern design: [http://ianls.com/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fianls.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7C9ad480d750de436229ec08da964889a3%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637987535530877564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9xfcdfgxXDE63HwkpF4lNZz5pMNoKC8DwcsjRbBezD0%3D&reserved=0) At the same time I have also set up a new newsletter system, to facilitate communication with all members. In order to continue receiving news from the world of IANLS, I kindly ask you to sign up for our new newsletter at the following link: [http://ianls.com/newsletter-subscription/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fianls.com%2Fnewsletter-subscription%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7C9ad480d750de436229ec08da964889a3%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637987535530877564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C2000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=k12ypNcONuqBVdRHpEvaBZatw2yQ5s2IMOklndEroVk%3D&reserved=0)"

– SNLS Membership Fees / Gift Aid: The new SNLS membership year is starting now, on 1 October 2022. Thus Membership fees (£15 / £7.50 concessions) for 2022/23 are now due (details here: [http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/officers/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww2.warwick.ac.uk%2Ffac%2Farts%2Fren%2Fsnls%2Fofficers%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ceb5d5d43e7fd45e3002f08d93c7f6825%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637607340169910561%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Cymo%2BxC9QizQ2gjkXE%2FZJUIWieu54VdmmEVACKpEUDw%3D&reserved=0)). Please consider paying by standing order or bank transfer and completing the Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer). If you have not done so recently, SNLS would be grateful if everyone could complete the forms again: as you will remember, as a result of the changed GDPR rules, SNLS has revised the statement on how it handles members’ personal data, and it would be useful to have an up-to-date signed statement from everyone, confirming that they are happy with the current arrangement. The forms are available from the SNLS website. If members pay by standing order or bank transfer and complete the Gift Aid form, this will enable SNLS to reclaim Gift Aid from HMRC and thus to increase the Society’s income and provide a basis for more activities. The Treasurer is working on reclaiming the Gift Aid SNLS is owed by HMRC. Thanks again to everyone who has already made arrangements for payment of the membership fee for the current academic year and agreed to the Gift Aid scheme! If there are any problems or questions about payment or the forms, please contact the Treasurer and Data Protection Officer Lucy Nicholas (lucy.r.nicholas@gmail.com).

News on online resources and events from the wider world of Neo-Latin and early modern studies:

**–** There will be a Neo-Latin Texts module at the Warburg Institute this academic year (for internals and externals), and the details are as follows: [https://warburg.sas.ac.uk/events/neo-latin-texts-2022-2023](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwarburg.sas.ac.uk%2Fevents%2Fneo-latin-texts-2022-2023&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7C55f40147032d4cf7dc6c08da9bdc2e58%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637993667215553825%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YgLEvDkiXEyoCeZB%2FyHsJ%2FbCU5iJL8VjouignqvOYkE%3D&reserved=0)

**–** HYBRID EME/IAS book launch: Early Modern Minds

19 October 2022, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm; in-person at UCL or via Zoom

Early Modern Exchanges and IAS are pleased to launch Prof Helen Hackett's new book, 'The Elizabethan Mind: Searching for the Self in an Age of Uncertainty' (Yale UP). With papers from Prof Raphael Lyne (Cambridge) and Prof Kate Hodgkin (UEL).

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/early-modern/events/2022/oct/hybrid-emeias-book-launch-early-modern-minds>

- SRS Conference 2023: The 10th biennial meeting of the Society for Reanissance Studies will take place in Liverpool from 19 to 22 July 2023 (<https://www.rensoc.org.uk/event/srs-10th-biennial-conference/>).

– A special, off-cycle RSA virtual event will take place in December 2022. This event will incorporate some presentations withdrawn from the Dublin program due to COVID-19 restrictions and will also feature session formats that are especially successful online, such as workshops and seminars with pre-circulated materials. Registration is now open (<https://www.rsa.org/page/RSAVirtual2022>).

– RSA Conference 2023: The 69th Annual Meeting of the RSA will be held in-person 9–11 March 2023 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Further details here: <https://www.rsa.org/page/RSASanJuan2023>.

– Colophons in the Early Modern World: A Roundtable Discussion

Online - via Zoom

10 October 2022, 5:15PM - 7:15PM

IHR European History 1500-1800 seminar with Christopher Bahl (Durham), Walid Ghali (Aga Khan Library London), Stefan Hanß (Manchester), Corinna Zeltsman (Princeton)

[https://www.history.ac.uk/events/colophons-early-modern-world-a-roundtable-discussion](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.history.ac.uk%2Fevents%2Fcolophons-early-modern-world-a-roundtable-discussion&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7C3390de8a3ea34f2b349e08daa209816f%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C638000459021915220%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=q8LjIEM9a1hB4Cg%2FD5%2BlVWZRN8PuVLEhyQ6nxXJoioc%3D&reserved=0)

– CfP: “And this gives life to thee”: Textual Reasons for Canonicity

Abstract deadline: 30 November 2022

Kurhaus Trifels (Annweiler, Germany), July 30 – August 3, 2023

Recent debates on canonicity have focused on how canons are a product of social and historical conditions as well as of reception. Texts become canonical when they are felt to embody the spirit of an age or to voice concerns considered universal at a particular moment. But what about the texts themselves? Can any text become canonical in any way? Or are there any specific textual reasons for such an elevated status? This latter question is what our symposium wishes to address. We invite contributions that address these and further dimensions and combine the detailed study of individual texts written in English with wider theoretical perspectives regarding the textual reasons of canonicity. They may include questions of methodology: how is it possible to arrive at such reasons by analyzing texts that have been assigned a canonical status? Do we need to compare texts, and/or does it make sense to work with larger corpora to come up with plausible results? Please send an abstract (300 words max.) to the editors of Connotations by November 30, 2022:

symposium2023@connotations.de For full details see [www.connotations.de](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.connotations.de%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7C3390de8a3ea34f2b349e08daa209816f%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C638000459021915220%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=SNPtOG48c13M8H8jUimYL1j%2BiKSSgjE9NJCoKFyU7VM%3D&reserved=0)

– READING AND STUDYING NEO-LATIN AUTHORS BETWEEN c. 1600–1950 (Barcelona, 20 October 2023)

*Call for Papers*

(For the full text of the call, please see the SNLS website’s News section, or the LBI homepage: <https://neolatin.lbg.ac.at/news/>)

The establishment of Neo-Latin Studies as an independent field of research is commonly dated to the late 1950s and early 1970s, as the work of G. Billanovich and J. IJsewijn along with their colleagues and students in Milan and Leuven began to bear fruit. Formally, and for our understanding of the structure of the disciplines in humanities research today, this date is both useful and makes eminent sense. It is nonetheless clear to all working in our discipline that scholars have been reading, responding to and, indeed, studying Neo-Latin texts since well before the mid-twentieth century.

This one-day conference now takes scholarly and erudite responses to, and study of Neo-Latin literature in all its forms between 1600 and 1950 as its central subject of enquiry. In doing so, it aims to draw attention to a series of themes and questions as yet understudied: Is there, for example, a difference between a seventeenth-century scholar/poet’s responses to early humanist literature and those of a mid-twentieth century scholar? If so, can these differences be reduced to the formal characteristics of the two scholar’s written output? Envisioned results of the conference’s proposed inquiry include: attempts at a historical account of the varied development of the discipline in different national contexts; reflection on the interdisciplinary context of Neo-Latin Studies today; and consideration of the often-sharp lines drawn between literary responses to a text and academic study in the field as a whole.

Proposals are now invited for up to eight papers dealing with this theme in the period 1600–1950. Abstracts of between 250–300 words for papers in English or Italian of 30 minutes can be sent to the conference organisers (listed below) by 15 January 2023. The conference will be hosted at the Institut d’Estudis Catalans in Barcelona (Carrer del Carme, 47) on 20th October 2023. The organisers are pleased to be able to offer support for speakers’ travel and accommodation in Barcelona for the event.

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– Job Opportunity: Research Assistant in the UK

Applications will be accepted until November 4, 2022.

The Gateway to Early Modern Manuscript Sermons (GEMMS) project is seeking a student enrolled in a UK PhD program in a related field of study (including but not limited to early modern English literature, social, political, and religious history, theology, and book history) to assist with data collection. The duration of the position is twelve months. £17.50/hour to a maximum of £4200 plus travel expenses as required. We anticipate work to begin in January 2023, though an earlier start date may be possible. Please submit a cover letter outlining your qualifications and availability, a current CV, and the names and contact details for two referees to jeanne.shami@uregina.ca or anne.james@uregina.ca

**-** The Mayors and Sheriffs of London (MASL)

The Mayors and Sheriffs of London (MASL) is a searchable, open-access database ([https://masl.library.utoronto.ca](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmasl.library.utoronto.ca%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cg.manuwald%40ucl.ac.uk%7Ccd82c07122ef4dddd47f08da85a1ba95%7C1faf88fea9984c5b93c9210a11d9a5c2%7C0%7C0%7C637969226934648030%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IUAUmZxrIBYDXoWjI8ewuvMS2sgAsbz%2B%2FbC2Ekv79lQ%3D&reserved=0)) of information on London's mayors, sheriffs, and wardens from 1190 to the present. It was originally launched in 2009, covering the years 1190-1558 only, but was subsequently extended to the present; and it is regularly updated from new research. The database can be searched by name, office (mayor, sheriff, warden), year of office, range of years, livery company membership (or, in the earliest years, occupation or craft/trade guild membership), and by any combination of these factors. The information for 1190–1558 was first published as a printed list in Caroline Barron’s 2004 London in the Later Middle Ages (Appendix 1, compiled by Anne Lancashire), but there have been additions and updates to the 1190–1558 information since then, besides the expansion from 1558 to 2021-22. MASL is edited by Anne Lancashire (Professor Emerita, University of Toronto) and hosted by the University of Toronto Library. Any questions or comments should be directed to the editor (anne@chass.utoronto.ca).

This is the latest round-up of Neo-Latin news. As always, we hope that it is useful for members, and we encourage everyone to submit items for the next issue. We hope that everyone will stay well and have a good academic year. And we hope to see some of you at the AGM or some of the other SNLS events over the course of this year.

Best wishes,

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(SNLS President)