

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a good start to the new academic year and are looking forward to further Neo-Latin activities. Thus it is time for the fourth quarterly SNLS newsletter for 2017 (number 12 of the series). As usual, there will be an update of what has happened around SNLS since the last communication, a preview of plans for the future (including some reminders) and a summary of early-modern activities elsewhere.

SNLS news:

- Outreach / Public Engagement: As mentioned at the last AGM, SNLS would like to enhance its outreach and public engagement activities. In addition to the decision to give one member of the Executive Committee special responsibility for this area, a first step was taken in late June, when several members of SNLS provided Neo-Latin Outreach in collaboration with the Latin Programme, facilitated by Sharon van Dijk, the Postgraduate Representative on the Executive Committee. Members of SNLS delivered topic lessons on Neo-Latin themes for primary-school children in the London area; these events seemed to go down well. It is hoped that this initiative can be the start of some longer-term projects of this kind.

- Neo-Latin Reading Group at KCL: The weekly Neo-Latin reading group at King's College London (Strand campus) have enjoyed reading Poliziano's *Rusticus* over the summer. The group will reconvene soon for more reading sessions (with another text) in the autumn term. The choice of text and the time of the meeting are being decided via a poll of all those who would like to attend. If you are interested in attending, please email Victoria Moul (victoria.moul@kcl.ac.uk) to be added to the mailing list.

- SNLS/CSNLS Conference: The highlight of the year was the joint SNLS / CSNLS conference in Cambridge on 15-16 September 2017, on 'Neo-Latin Literary Perspectives on Britain and Ireland, 1520-1670', generously funded by several local and national bodies. A report is attached.

- SNLS Early-Career Essay Prize 2017: The deadline for submissions for the SNLS Early-Career Essay Prize 2017 has now passed. The submissions are currently being judged by members of the Executive Committee. Candidates will be informed of the outcome by email within the next month. The winner will be announced at the AGM in November and will receive a certificate, a small financial award and publication advice if required.

- AGM and Annual Lecture 2017: The AGM 2017 (2.45pm) and the Annual Lecture 2017 (5pm) will take place in the Nancy Knowles Lecture Theatre in Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London on Friday, 17 November 2017 (thanks to Elizabeth Sandis for arranging this). The Annual Lecture on 'Dramatic Discoveries: 'New' Plays of the English Renaissance' will be given jointly by Dr Martin Wiggins and Dr Elizabeth Sandis (The Shakespeare Institute). The Lecture will focus on a recently-discovered Latin manuscript play they are working on together, in addition to other discoveries. Approaches to editing and translating new finds will be discussed in the wider context of the significant expansion of the Neo-Latin dramatic corpus over recent years. The Lecture will be followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Further details and the agenda for the AGM will be sent out in late October or early November. We might consider adjusting the composition of the Executive Committee again slightly to reflect recent developments in the world of Neo-Latin studies and changes in people's interests and commitments,

and we will be discussing strategies Neo-Latin might adopt, plans for the future and the forthcoming REF. If anyone has any items for the agenda, please notify the President by mid-October.

- Joint event with Wellcome Collection: There will be an event on 'Finding lost science in early modern poetry' on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 at the Wellcome Collection in London, jointly organized by SNLS and the Wellcome Collection. It will feature three academic papers (including some by our members) in the early afternoon, followed by a public event in the late afternoon (as part of the Being Human Festival: <https://beinghumanfestival.org>). Details on the public event can be found here: <https://beinghumanfestival.org/event/finding-lost-science-in-early-modern-poetry/>. The programme for the academic part of the day will be available shortly.

- Postgraduate Event 2018: The 2018 SNLS Postgraduate Event will take place in the John Rylands Library in Manchester in March 2018, organized by Paul White. Details will follow in due course.

- Classical Association Conference 2018: Continuing the tradition, SNLS and LBI have again submitted panel proposals for the Classical Association conference next year, to be held in Leicester, 6-9 April 2018 (<http://www.classicalassociation.org/events.html>). Thanks to one of our members, Sarah Knight, who will be on the ground in Leicester, we were more ambitious this time and submitted two panel proposals: a more academic one (organized by William Barton and partly funded by LBI), in response to the suggested theme 'rhetoric and education', and a more pedagogically oriented one (organized by Sarah Knight), in line with our aim to enhance our outreach and links to schools. We should know soon whether our proposals have been accepted.

- Society for Renaissance Studies Conference 2018: The next biennial SRS conference will take place in Sheffield, 3-5 July 2018. Our member Jacqueline Glomski has submitted a panel on 'Baroque Latinity' to represent SNLS (<http://rensoc.org.uk/8thconference>). Here too we should hear soon whether it has been accepted.

- Membership Fees / Gift Aid: SNLS' financial years are in line with academic years, which means that membership fees (£15 / £7.50 concessions) for 2017/18 were due on 1 October 2017 (details here: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/officers/>). Please consider paying by standing order (make sure that it is up to date) or bank transfer and completing the Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer and have not done so yet). This will enable us to reclaim Gift Aid from HMRC and thus increase the Society's income and enable us run more activities. The Treasurer is currently working on reclaiming the Gift Aid we are due from HMRC for the past financial year. Thanks to everyone who has already paid their membership fee for the new academic year and agreed to the Gift Aid scheme: this should improve our funding situation and is much appreciated!

- Webmaster: As we are all aware, over the past few years Máté Vince, while a postdoctoral fellow at Warwick, has splendidly looked after the SNLS website and significantly improved it. Máté's role at Warwick has now come to an end, and he is taking up a new post at Dublin at the start of this academic year; as the SNLS website is hosted at Warwick, this means that he will have to resign from his position as SNLS Webmaster. On this occasion we would like to thank Máté Vince for all his splendid work for SNLS and wish him all the best for the next stage in his career. We are delighted to announce that Bobby Xinyue, also based at Warwick, will now be taking over as Webmaster; we are very grateful that he is volunteering for this role and welcome him among the SNLS officers.

News from the wider world of Neo-Latin and early modern studies:

***Paradise Lost* 350th Anniversary, 1667-2017: Public Lecture**

Library of Birmingham, 20th October 2017, 6.00 – 8.00 pm

The British Milton Seminar is pleased to announce a free public lecture, sponsored by the Universities of Birmingham and Leicester, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the publication of John Milton's *Paradise Lost* (1667). The lecture will be delivered by Professor Karen Edwards (University of Exeter), on 'Slow Love in *Paradise Lost*'. The lecture will address the relationship between loving and attaining wisdom in *Paradise Lost*, between long-suffering love and 'suffering for truth's sake'. In his portrait of Adam and Eve's relationship and of Satan's degeneration, Milton shows readers how, precisely, love furthers and hatred frustrates the ability to know and to understand. Attendance is free but spaces are limited and booking is essential: <http://shop.bham.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/college-of-arts-law/school-of-english-drama-american-canadian-studies>

This is the latest round-up of Neo-Latin news. As always, we hope that it is useful for members and encourage everyone to submit items for the next issue.

For now, all the best for the coming year, and we will be in touch again in a few weeks' time with an agenda and papers for this year's AGM.

Best wishes,

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(President, SNLS)