

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to everyone! Hopefully, all of you had a nice break over the festive period despite all the difficulties and recent developments this year, are keeping well and are still continuing with early modern activities. It is now becoming clear that this new way of living is here to stay for a little longer. As mentioned previously, this does not mean that SNLS will disappear. Adapting to the changed circumstances, it is still active for you (e.g. bringing you this quarterly newsletter), will organize and sponsor events (albeit more of those in a virtual format) and is happy to facilitate initiatives by members.

The start of January is the time for the first quarterly SNLS Newsletter of the new year 2021 (2021-1, number 25 of the series).

Once again this Newsletter offers an update on SNLS activities and provides a summary of what is happening virtually, as intellectual exchange remains possible, thanks to modern digital technology. We can all contact each other via email; and the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/>) includes a handy anthology of Neo-Latin texts, and there is an active SNLS Facebook group and Twitter feed (all accessible from the main homepage).

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

SNLS news:

– SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2020: In view of the current circumstances, the 2020 SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture took place virtually via Zoom on Friday, 20 November 2020. Professor Jan Papy (KU Leuven, member of 'Baroque Latinity' network) delivered the Annual Lecture on 'The Dangers of Philosophy: from Lipsius the Humanist Scholar to Lipsius the Neostoic', which was a very engaging talk. Minutes of the AGM have been circulated separately and are available on the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/archive/>).

– SNLS Philip Ford Annual Postgraduate Days 2021: Continuing the successful collaboration with the Warburg Institute initiated last year, there will be another study day for postgraduate students and early career scholars hosted online by the Warburg Institute in London this spring, on 19 March 2021 (thanks to Lucy Nicholas for organizing and to several members for volunteering to present). Details on the programme and booking information can be found here: <https://warburg.sas.ac.uk/events/event/23575>.

– SNLS Conference 2021: The conference on ‘Baroque Latinity’, which was postponed from September 2020 to September 2021, will take place on 17 and 18 September 2021. Hopefully, it will be possible to come together in Cambridge as planned; if not, the conference will be held as a virtual event. The programme is available on the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/snls-csnls-conference2021/>).

– SNLS Ann Moss Essay Prize 2021: The next round for the SNLS Ann Moss Essay Prize is now open; submissions from postgraduate students and early career scholars are invited (deadline: 15 October 2021; <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/essayprize/>).

– Reading group / message from Nigel Coulton: “A few of us are running a Neo-Latin reading group, which meets once a month and has launched itself with Minkova's *Anthologia*. Any member of the Society would be welcome to join us, naturally. Geography doesn't matter these days as we meet via Zoom now, though we come, in fact, from the North and North Midlands. Anyone interested should email me: nigelcoulton8@gmail.com.”

– SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2021: As briefly mentioned at the AGM, 2021 is the four-hundredth anniversary of the death of John Barclay. To celebrate that, SNLS Vice-President Jacqueline Glomski and colleagues at the Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Neo-Latin Studies are organizing a conference on John Barclay for November 2021 in London. Therefore, the SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2021 will take place in connection with this event. Further details will follow in due course.

– SNLS Flyer: SNLS now has a flyer (thanks to Jacqueline Glomski), which can be circulated at physical and virtual events to increase the Society's visibility and hopefully increase membership (available on the SNLS website: <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/>).

– SNLS Mentoring scheme: SNLS is operating a mentoring scheme for junior academics (PhD students, postdocs, early career scholars etc.); the first 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: As previously mentioned, the series of SNLS podcasts is growing (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/podcast/>). Further contributions for more podcasts or the Neo-Latin anthology (https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/snls_teaching_anthology/) are warmly invited, especially at this time. If there was some new material, SNLS could contact schools (and similar organizations) to alert their students to it; SNLS might then make a small contribution to continuing education while schools operate under difficult circumstances and also promote Neo-Latin to wider audiences. If anyone has ideas for contributions, please get in touch!

– SNLS Membership Fees / Gift Aid: Membership fees (£15 / £7.50 concessions) for 2020/21 were due on 1 October 2020 (details here: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/officers/>). 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 paid their 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:

– Online teaching from Shakespeare's Globe: As the work of higher education institutions moves online this academic year, Shakespeare's Globe has re-designed its teaching to suit delivery through MS Teams/Zoom/VLEs and streamed video. Please visit <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/learn/higher-education/online/> to discover what's available from October.

- Various subject organizations have compiled lists with links to online teaching resources, and a lot of organizations are offering online seminars and lectures relevant to early modern studies. For instance, History UK have created a Pandemic Pedagogy Handbook (<https://www.history-uk.ac.uk/the-pandemic-pedagogy-handbook/>), and CUCD have assembled some material for Classics teaching (<https://cucdeducation.wordpress.com/2020/03/13/emergency-online-teaching-help-and-suggestions-classics-edition/>)

– CfP: Classical Reformations: Beyond Christian Humanism (online with The Warburg Institute, 3 September 2021)

Deadline: 16 April 2021

This conference explores how the literature and ideas of the classical world calibrated early modern Christianity – its interpretation, ordinances, moral instruction, politics, theology, cultural expression, and polarizing impulses of confessionalisation. Looking beyond the Christian absorption of pagan material and Erasmian humanism *redux*, this conference focuses instead on a classical Christianity, even a Greco-Roman monotheism, in the generations after Erasmus. Where recent scholarship has replaced confessionalism at the heart of early modern philology, we aim to replace classicism at the heart of theology and religious politics. The classical tradition was too ubiquitous and authoritative a presence in early modern intellectual life to have left theology untouched. We welcome any proposals that engage with these themes. Proposals may relate to any aspects of this phenomenon across Europe, and case-studies may feature the vernacular or the languages of Latin, Greek, or Hebrew. We warmly welcome papers on scholarly as well as popular literature, Protestant as well as Catholic communities, and those that engage with the religious politics of the Reformation more generally. Abstracts of no more than 250 words, and any queries, should be sent to classicalreformations21@gmail.com by 16 April 2021.

– London Shakespeare Seminar on 'Editing, Performing, Printing'

If you were unable to attend the first London Shakespeare Seminar on 'Editing, Performing, Printing' or would like to revisit the presentations, you may access a recorded version of the event:

<https://www.sas.ac.uk/videos-and-podcasts/culture-language-and-literature/london-shakespeare-seminar>

– The Journal of the Northern Renaissance, special edition

Recovering the Communities and Margins of Early Modern Scotland

Edited by Laura I. Doak and Rebecca Mason. This collection of essays includes the research of Jamie Reid-Baxter, as well as Edinburgh's Julian Goodare. To check out Issue 12 - Communities & Margins, see <http://www.northernrenaissance.org/issues/12-communities-margins-2021/>

Finally, let's end on a humorous note, on the NHS speaking Latin! One of our members has discovered the following: "When consulting an NHS prescription information page, I saw that they offered it in multiple languages. I tested it for Latin, just for a joke, and to my amazement, up came the Latin version, admittedly a bit macaronic but nevertheless ...": see attachment.

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 you are all coping well and staying in touch during this time. We hope to see some of you at (virtual) events this year.

Best wishes,

Gesine Manuwald

(SNLS President)