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Dear Members,

Welcome to the second issue of the SNLS Newsletter!

Since the last issue in January there have been a number of developments, both with regard to SNLS and in the wider world of Neo-Latin studies, which are worth bringing to everyone's attention.

First of all, thanks to the efforts of our new webmaster Máté Vince (Warwick), the website has now been updated and reorganized (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/>). Do take a moment to have a look and let us know whether you have any further suggestions.

For instance, we now have a tab to post news such as calls for papers or job or funding opportunities and a tab to share work in progress, which could be of particular interest to PhD students and post-doctoral researchers (which we could make password-protected).

As a follow-up to the early-modern drama conference in Oxford in autumn 2013, a successful event on teaching drama for secondary-school teachers and students was held in Oxford on 18 February 2015, organized by Sarah Knight in collaboration with the Classics Outreach Officer in Oxford, Mai Musie (a report will be published on the SNLS website in due course). The event demonstrated lots of connections between different subjects and drama of different periods and initiated some useful connections to schools.

The upcoming Classical Association conference in Bristol will feature a panel organized by William Barton (post-doctoral representative on the Executive Committee) under the auspices of the SNLS, on "Neo-Latin and Reception Studies" (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/classics/events/2015/outputurl-124331-en.html>).

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are aiming to have an event (mainly) for postgraduates each spring from now on. The 2015 event will take place in London on 29 May 2015, on the topic "Early-Modern Texts and Digital Resources". The programme is available



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on the SNLS website
(<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/snlsgradforum2015/>).

Please register if you are interested.

We are also delighted to announce that Ingrid de Smet (Warwick) has volunteered to host the spring event in 2016, since there is the option to combine this with the annual meeting of the IANLS executive committee, which sounds like a great opportunity (topic and precise date to be determined). Sarah Knight (Leicester) will probably take care of the event in 2017. Volunteers for future years are welcome to put themselves forward!

Another date for your diaries: the AGM this year will take place at the Inns of Court on 27 November 2015 (3pm), and the annual lecture will be given by Hugh Adlington (Birmingham), which will include a look at some material in the Middle Temple Library (4.30-6.30pm). Further details in due course.

And of course do not forget the IANLS meeting in Vienna! Link on the SNLS website.

In addition to the affiliations already announced, we now also have a link with the French Société Française d'Études Médio- et Néo-Latines (SEMEN-L; <http://www.semen-l.org>). All affiliations are listed under the tab "affiliations" on our website.

These affiliations means that we have links on each other's websites and inform each other of upcoming events and calls for papers.

In terms of our own house-keeping, SNLS has now introduced additional payment options for members based abroad, in the hope of making membership more attractive for this (currently small) group of scholars by reducing banking fees. Members based abroad can now pay membership for 10, 15 or 20 years in one go (this option is also available to UK members), or they can obtain life membership for £300 (details and forms on website).

Incidentally, if anyone has not yet paid their membership fee for 2014/15, please visit our website for a standing order form or contact the treasurer for other payment options (Luke Houghton, l.houghton@reading.ac.uk).



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The website now also features minutes of past AGMs and reports of past events. Some of these are password-protected, so that they are only available to members.

Following suggestions from members, the Executive Committee has agreed that it would be a good idea for SNLS to introduce an annual essay prize for research done by PhD students or recent PhDs. We would like to start with this initiative this autumn.

The terms and conditions for the SNLS Early-Career Essay Prize are as follows: All PhD students and post-docs up to two years after their viva by the deadline (who are also members) are invited to submit an essay of up to 7,000 words, including footnotes, but excluding bibliography and any appendixes (e.g. part of a chapter or a draft of an article or a written version of a conference paper) by 1 September 2015 (as an email attachment to g.manuwald@ucl.ac.uk). All submissions will be judged by members of the Executive Committee, who may ask other experts to join them (volunteers welcome). The winner will be announced at the AGM in November and will receive a certificate, a small financial award and publication advice if required.

On behalf of SNLS, I attended one of the regular meetings of HSS Learned Societies and Subject Associations Networks at the British Academy earlier this month. The main topic was the REF and the upcoming spending review. Most of what was mentioned to us as a preview on that occasion is included in the further REF documents published on 25 March (<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/rsrch/REFreview/>; <http://www.ref.ac.uk/pubs/refmanagersreport/>). Another point was that the work of learned societies is essential, and it is very important that they all lobby the government not to reduce funding for research and reply to ongoing consultation and reviews, such as the current Nurse review of research councils (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/nurse-review-of-research-councils-call-for-evidence>).

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



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The Early Modern Letters Online (EMLO) project of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, has announced that a complete inventory of the correspondence of Joseph Scaliger (1540-1609) is now part of their growing number of online catalogues of early modern correspondences. For an up-to-date listing of these inventories, including Scaliger's, see: http://emlo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/blog/?page_id=480.

The archives of *Humanistica Lovaniensia: Journal of Neo-Latin Studies* are now available at JSTOR. All volumes since 1969 (Vol. XVIII) are digitized and can be accessed via [jstor.org](http://www.jstor.org) with a moving wall of three years. See: <http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=humalova&>.

Opportunity: PhD Student Research Assistant: The Gateway to Early Modern Manuscript Sermons Project. Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2015. We anticipate hiring to be completed by May and work to begin in July. For more information, please contact: jeanne.shami@uregina.ca or anne.james@uregina.ca.

Early English books from 1473 to 1700 have been released by the Bodleian Library: <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/news/2015/jan-27>

A book from one of our members: <http://www.bolchazy.com/Recitation-of-Latin-Prose-and-Verse-P3686.aspx>. It is aimed at encouraging an oral approach to Latin, and, although it may give a lot of attention to Classical Latin because most teachers have been exposed only to that, it also aims to draw attention to the wealth of post-Roman Latin. A substantial 'taster' can be viewed on-line. All proceeds from the modest price go to a student support fund.

An essay (in French) exploring the Neo-Latin concept and its value today:

Olivier RIMBAULT, « *Roma orbis patria*. Du néolatin au latin contemporain, Rome, la patrie perdue, retrouvée ou rêvée », *Réflexion(s)*, mars 2012 (<http://reflexions.univ-perp.fr/images/stories/roma%20orbis%20patria.pdf>).

Some very recent Neo-Latin poetry: <http://pineapplepubs.snazzystuff.co.uk/vates.htm>.



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That's it for now. As you can see, we are eager to keep the membership up to date and stay in touch, but this also depends on input from all of us. Since we believe that one of the aims of SNLS should be to enable us to share resources and best practice in the field of Neo-Latin studies, let us know if you have any suggestions or items to include in the next Newsletter!

Best wishes,

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