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Roccaccio Newsletter

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The regional representatives are appointed by the president. They are responsible for organizing meetings in their respective areas and also for gathering and forwarding material for the ABA Newsletter to the editors.

ELECTIONS

The post of vice-president is currently vacant and the term of secretary-treasurer expires at the end of this calendar year. The nominations committee has prepared the following slate of candidates. Please vote by mail on the ballot which has been attached to the final page of the Newsletter. A space has been provided for write-in candidates. Send your ballot to the president of the ABA by January 31, 1987. The results of the voting will be announced in the Spring Newsletter.

For vice-president (a two-year term):

Christopher Kleinhenz, U. of Wisconsin, Madison
Janet Levarie Smarr, U. of Illinois, Urbana

For secretary-treasurer (a three-year term):

Michael Sherberg, Washington Univ.
MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
New York, 27-30 December 1986

SUNDAY, DEC. 28TH

Annual Business Meeting of the American Boccaccio Association,  
3:30-4:45, Dominion A, Sheraton. Presiding Pamela D. Stewart, McGill U., President of the ABA.

1. "Decameron e cantari," Maria Predelli, Université de Montréal

2. "Dioneo's Challenge and the Shape of the Decameron,"  
Wayne Rebhorn, U. of Texas, Austin

3. "Thomas Stoddard's Illustrations to Boccaccio's Decameron (1825)," Marcia Allentuck, City Coll., CUNY

MONDAY, DEC. 29TH

Lectura Boccaccii, 1:45-3:00, Buckingham A, Sheraton  
"Decameron I,5," Dante Della Terza, Harvard U.

RECEPTION arranged jointly by the American Boccaccio Association and the Dante Society of America, 5:15-6:45, Regency Ballroom, Sheraton

OTHER PAPERS THAT REGARD BOCCACCIO

"A New Reading of 'Galeotto'? The Poetics of the Decameron's Cognome," Maria Rosa Menocal, U. of Penn., Mon., Dec. 29th, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Consulate, Sheraton

"Imitative Authority from Petrarch to Machiavelli," Albert Ascoli, Northwestern U., Tues., Dec. 30th, 10:15-11:30 a.m., Commonwealth, Sheraton

RECENT CONFERENCES


Two papers on Boccaccio were presented in the session devoted to the Middle Ages:

"La nutrice: un carattere stoico nella Fiammetta," Enrico Vicentini, U. of Toronto

"Considerations on the Sources of the Ninth Tale, Day VI, in Boccaccio's Decameron: G. Cavalcanti and Ibn 'Arabi," Gabriele Erasmi, McMaster U.
Midwest Modern Language Association Meeting, Chicago, Nov. 6-8

**Boccaccio Session**, presiding Elissa Weaver, U. of Chicago

1. "Translating the *Decameron*, Christopher Kleinhenz, U. Wisconsin, Madison
   Discussant: Michael Sherberg, Washington Univ.

2. "'Cantando Narrare': The *Filostrato* and the *Vita nuova*," Thomas C. Stillinger, U. of Chicago
   Discussant: Alan Hager, Loyola U. of Chicago

3. "The Pharmakon of Rossillion: Is All's Well in the *Decameron* (III,9)?," Charles Ross, Purdue U., West Lafayette
   Discussant: Albert Ascoli, Northwestern U.

4. "The Art of Fiction in the *Decameron*," Ian Duncan, Yale U.
   Discussant: Sylvia Huot, Northern Illinois U.

**LECTURA BOCCACCII** 1986-87

AAIS, Toronto, April 11-13, 1986
*Decameron* I,7, by Michelangelo Picone, McGill U.

Medieval Conference, Kalamazoo, May 8--11, 1986
*Decameron* I,4, by Ronald Martinez, U. of Minnesota

The next will be:

MLA, New York, December 27-30, 1986
*Decameron* I,5 by Dante Della Terza, Harvard U.

AAIS, Pittsburgh, Duquesne U., April 10-12, 1987
*Decameron* I,6 by Janet Levarie Smarr, U. Illinois, Urbana

Medieval Conference, Kalamazoo, May 7-10, 1987
*Decameron* I,3 by Pamela D. Stewart, McGill U.
In addition to the Lectura Boccaccii announced above, there will be a Boccaccio session, organized by Elissa Weaver, U. of Chicago:

"Narrato e chiosa," Pier Massimo Forni, Johns Hopkins


ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCGILL ALLEGORY PROJECT

The "Allegory and Cosmos" team has been established in order to develop a methodological link between interpretive analysis and computer-entered research data in the field of medieval allegory. Common databanks are being developed in a joint effort by a number of scholars who make their own individual, though interrelated and mutually supporting, interpretive use of the accumulated material.

At this time, the team is concentrating its efforts on and is seeking grant support for its "Bibliography of Allegory, Plato to Spenser." The bibliography will comprise a listing of created allegories written in English (inc. Scottish), French (inc. Provençal), German, Italian, Spanish (inc. Catalan) or Latin between the years 800 and 1600, together with a limited listing of classical allegories which were influential in this period.

So far as chronological limits are concerned, the aim is to create a bibliography of allegory as a major form of human expression, both as manifested in literature (and, in a later phase of the project, as reflected in the visual arts) over a wide enough period of time to assess a complete cycle of rise, establishment, and fall.

Nonetheless, the broader aspects of the definitions of allegory, are not neglected since an essential aspect of the history of the genre is doubtless the history of what men thought it to be. Thus incorporated into the text is a lexicon of the definitions of allegory current within this period. At the same time the development of a motif index reflects the position that content as well as form plays an essential role in the identification of the allegorical mode.

The Director of the project is McGill professor, Paul Piehler. Among the McGill members of the research team are André Michalski (Catalan and Spanish), Horst Richter (German), Pamela D. Stewart (Italian: Boccaccio).
KALAMAZOO MEDIEVAL CONFERENCE

Janet Smarr, Dept. Comparative Literature, U. of Illinois, Urbana, has organized a session on Medieval Italian literature.

CALL FOR PAPERS

MMLA 1987: Charles Ross, Dept. of English, Purdue U., West Lafayette, Indiana is organizing a Boccaccio session for next year's MMLA meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio, November 12-13, 1987. Contact Prof. Ross for information.

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCED

Janet Smarr's study and translation, with facing Latin text, of Boccaccio's Eclogues will be published this spring by Garland Press.

DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder to those of you who have not yet paid 1987 dues ($5 regular member/ $15 sustaining member). Please send your check (U.S. funds please Canadian members) or money order together with your name and mailing address. A convenient form is provided on the last page of the Newsletter.

Now that the ABA sponsors three yearly Lecturæ, followed by receptions for the participants, our expenses have more than doubled. We ask those of you who can and who are pleased with our new activities to support the projects financially by becoming sustaining members.
American Boccaccio Bibliography for 1986
(through November, 1986)
compiled by Christopher Kleinhenz
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Books: Editions and Translations


Books: Critical Studies


Articles:


Book Reviews:


Rev. POTTER, JOY HAMBUCHEN, Italica, LXIII, 3 (Autumn, 1986), 297-300.
SMARR, JANET LEVARIE, Comparative Literature Studies, XXII, 2, (Summer, 1985), 265-266.

Rev. SCHLESS, HOWARD H., Speculum, LX, 3 (July, 1985), 644-646.


Rev. VERDICCHIO, MASSIMO, "Canadian Review of Comparative Literature", 12, 2 (June, 1985), 365-370.


SANGUINETI WHITE, LAURA, La scena conviviale e la sua funzione nel mondo del Boccaccio. Firenze: Olschki, 1983.
Rev. POTTER, JOY HAMBUECHEN, Forum Italicum, XIX, 1 (Spring, 1985), 166-168.


Rev. RUGGIERS, PAUL G., Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, 12, 3 (September, 1985), 511-514.
BOITANI, PIERO, Speculum, LXI, 3 (July, 1986), 716-718.
Bibliography Submitted by Members of the Association

Completed Works:

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KIRKHAM, VICTORIA, "A Preliminary List of Boccaccio Portraits from the 14th to the Mid-16th Centuries," S sul B, XV (1986)*


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"Boccaccio, la novella e la tradizione retorica," Nuova secondaria, VIII (1986), 33-34, 62.

WATSON, PAUL, "A Preliminary List of Boccaccian Subjects in Italian Painting From the 14th to the Mid-16th Century," S sul B XV (1986)*


Public Lectures

D'ANDREA, ANTONIO, Presentation and discussion of P. Watson's study on Boccaccio's Corbaccio. MMLA, St. Louis, Nov. 7, 1985.


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*This issue of SsulB is out in Italy, but eds. have not yet seen it and, therefore, do not have page numbers.

Work in Progress:

CHIAPPELLI, FREDI: Boccaccio: Ghino di Tacco

HOLLANDER, ROBERT: Boccaccio's Corbaccio: Dante and Ovid

AMERICAN BOCCACCIO ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL
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NOTA BENE:

*Professor Kleinhenz, the editor of the BOCCACCIO BIBLIOGRAPHY
that appears annually in the Fall ABA Newsletter, would
appreciate any special information you might have on
publications that he could integrate with his own findings.
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