

ABA Boccaccio 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 term of the current president will expire at the end of this calendar year. The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates which will be announced in the Fall Newsletter. Balloting will be done as usual by mail, since we cannot count on a quorum at the Annual Meeting. You may submit suggestions to the committee chairman, Victoria Kirkham, U. of Pennsylvania.

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, Washington, D.C.,
Dec. 27-30, 1984

On December 28 th, Professor Robert Hollander, Princeton U. presented the first Lectura Boccaccii, inaugurating the series with his reading of the Decameron "Proemio". The Lectura was followed by a reception to which the ABA invited the Dante Society of America.

On the following day the ABA President, Elissa Weaver held the Annual Business Meeting and the Vice-President, John Ahern

chaired a session of Boccaccio papers presented by members of the Association: Pier Massimo Forni, U. of Pittsburgh; Angela Iovino, Italian Embassy, Washington; David Anderson, U. of Pennsylvania.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Paolo Giordano was unable to attend; Professor Weaver presented the financial report (see below).

Old business concerned first the election of the vice-president and secretary-treasurer. It was decided that the elections would be held by mail (results below).

Other old business concerned plans for future Lecturae Boccaccii. The next three speakers were announced:

Giuseppe Mazzotta, Yale U., on the "Cornice", AAIS, Tampa, Fla., April 11, 1985;

Franco Fido, Brown U., on Decameron, I,1, Medieval Conference, Kalamazoo, Mich., May 11, 1985;

Marga Cottino-Jones, UCLA, on Decameron, I,2, MLA, Chicago, December, 1985 (program details not yet available).

In the early fall, when three papers will have been delivered and submitted to her, Professor Weaver will seek a publisher for the Lecturae of the First Day.

Thomas Vesce announced the Annual Mercy College Boccaccio Colloquium. The 1984 Colloquium was held on November 10th; for information regarding next year's meeting contact Thomas E. Vesce, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, New York.

A brief meeting of the Executive Committee followed the session. Future programs of the Association were discussed; they included the possibility of a computerized Boccaccio data bank.

Financial Report

As of December 31, 1984: Balance in checking account of \$377.14.

Income:	Dec. 31, 1983 Balance of	\$229.00
	Income from dues	235.00
	Interest	<u>19.16</u>
		483.16
Expenses:	Newsletter & stamps	<u>106.02</u>
		377.14



BOCCACCIO ASSOCIATION NEWS

RECENT CONVENTION

AAIS, April 11-13, Tampa, Fla.

The Annual meeting of the American Association of Italian Studies was held at the Bay Harbor Inn in Tampa, Florida. The U. of South Florida was the host institution, and Professor Silvia Ruffo-Fiore was the Conference Director.

One session was devoted to Boccaccio. It was chaired by Wayne A. Rebhorn, U. of Texas, Austin, and the following papers were read:

"Providence in Boccaccio's Filocolo," Steven Grossvogel, U. of Georgia

"Dialogue to Dialogism: Decameron IV,1 and IV,9," Patricia Zupan, Middlebury College

"Boccaccio's Dedication to Women in Love," Victoria Kirkham, U. of Pennsylvania

"Boccaccio and the Revival of the Eclogue Genre," Janet Smarr, U. of Illinois, Urbana

The Lectura Boccaccii, to have been given by Professor Giuseppe Mazzotta, Yale U., was cancelled. The entertainment planned by the Communications Department of USF to follow the Lectura took its place. Three Decameron novelle were imaginatively staged by a young troupe of actors directed by Professor Bernard Downs, assisted by Professor K. V. Hines. The stories were: "The Tale of Niccolosa and Pinuccio," "The Tale of Madonna Filippa," and "The Tale of Alibech and Rustico." This excellent entertainment lifted the spirits of those disappointed convention participants who had come to hear the Lectura Boccaccii.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

KALAMAZOO, May 9-12, 1985

The third LECTURA BOCCACCII will be given by Professor Franco Fido, Brown University, on May 11, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. at the "20th International Congress on Medieval Studies", at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Fetzer Center 1035. The Lectura will be on the Ciappelletto story, Decameron I,1. Following the

session a reception sponsored by the American Boccaccio Association will be held for participants.

Also of interest to Boccaccio scholars:

Boccaccio and Chaucer I, May 11, 1:30 pm., Valley I, Room 103

Organizer: Martin B. Shichtman, Eastern Michigan U.
Presiding: James C. Addison, Jr., Western Carolina U.

"Paradigms Lost: History and the Individual in Boccaccio and Chaucer", Martin B. Shichtman

"Chaucer's Manciple's Tale: Mythology versus Medieval Fiction," Thomas Hamel, St. Olaf College

"In forma di mercatante: Mercantile Characters in the Decameron," Nancy G. Leiphart, North Carolina School of the Arts

Boccaccio and Chaucer II, May 12, 10:00 am, Valley II, Room 203

Organizer: Martin B. Shichtman
Presiding: Martin B. Shichtman

"Troilus and Criseyde: The History of the Story," David G. Collins, Westminster College

"The Morphology of the Middle English Metrical Romance," James C. Addison, Jr., Western Carolina U.

"The Decameron: Closure and Certain Trifling Objections in the Mind of One Reader," John Gerlach, Cleveland State U.

AISLII, May 6-10, 1985

The Twelfth Triennial Congress of the Associazione Internazionale per gli Studi di Lingua e Letteratura Italiana will be held in Canada: U. of Toronto (6-7); McMaster U., Hamilton (8) and McGill U., Montreal (9-10).

There will be a number of papers on Boccaccio:

"L'Arte e la Natura nel gusto figurativo del Petrarca e del Boccaccio," Pamela Stewart, May 6

"Botticelli interprete di Boccaccio: osservazioni sulla storia di Nastagio degli Onesti," F. Grazzini, May 7

"Boccaccio innovatore dell'iconologia," Vittore Branca, May 7

"Boccaccio, Betussi e Michelagnolo: ritratti storici e ritratti di fantasia delle donne illustri," L. Mendelsohn, May 7

"A proposito della cornice del Decameron: interpretazione e illustrazione," L. M. Muto, May 7

MMLA, Nov. 7-9, 1985

Pamela Stewart has organized a Boccaccio session for the fall meeting of the MMLA in St. Louis, Mo.. There will be three papers, and, as is customary at the MMLA Convention, they will be circulated before the meeting. At the meeting there will be discussants for each paper. The program is the following:

"Canon Law and Marriage in the Decameron, Elizabeth Welles, SUNY, Albany; discussant Elissa Weaver, U. of Chicago

"An Immodest Proposal Concerning the Corbaccio", Paul Watson, Univ. of Pennsylvania, discussant A. D'Andrea, McGill U.

"Temi e struttura della Quarta Giornata del Decameron," Roberto Fedi, Univ. of Florence, discussant Michael Sherberg, Washington U.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABA ELECTION RESULTS

Pamela Stewart, McGill U., was elected Vice-President (2-year term) and Paolo Giordano, Rosary C., was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer (3-year term).

DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder to those of you who have not yet paid 1985 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 Lecturae, 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.



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