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Academic Programs Currently in Preparation

The Academy will present a program in Washington, D.C., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the AHA, on Wednesday, December 29, 1976 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Marshall Room of the Sheraton Park Hotel.

Title of Session: "Spain and the Mediterranean"

Panel: Clara Estow, Chairperson, University of Massachusetts,
Harbor Campus

James F. Powers, Commentator, College of the Holy Cross

Papers: "The Foundation of the Confraternity of Tarragona by
Archbishop Olequer Bonestruga, 1126-1129."
Lawrence J. McCrank, University of Maryland

"La Merced: From Confraternity to Order, 1218-1235."
James W. Brodman, University of Arkansas

"Maria de Padilla: A Fourteenth Century Prototype of
the Medieval Royal Mistress." Benjamin F. Taggie,
Central Michigan University

The Academy will also present the following program at the 12th Conference on Medieval Studies, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on May 6, 1977, from 3-5 p.m.

Title of Session: "Medieval Spain"

Zaida Giraldo, Chairperson, Institute for Research in History, New York

Papers: "The Vilest and Most Despicable Thing Which Can Exist
Among Men. A Glance at Slavery in Late Medieval
Spain." J. R. Webster, Erindale College,
University of Toronto

"The Clerical Role in Alfonso VIII's Reconquesta."
Meldon J. Preusser, Douglas County Schools,
Castle Rock, Colorado

"The State of Aragon, North of the Pyrenees Under
Peter the 'Catholic'." Robert J. Kovarik,
Chicago State University

After the programs in both Washington, D.C., and Kalamazoo there will be a short business meeting.

Related Programs of interest to members of AARMS

The American Catholic Historical Association will meet at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 18-19, 1977. AARMS has been offered the opportunity to sponsor a session at the meeting. Those interested in presenting a paper should contact Dr. James Powers, Department of History, College of the Holy Cross, before December 20th.

At this time, Professor Norman Holub has tentative plans to hold a Mediterranean Conference, III, in Naples, Italy, July 12-14, 1977. For additional information contact Professor Holub at Dowling College, Oakdale, Long Island, New York 11769. Mediterranean II was held last summer in Malta and three members of AARMS participated in a panel on Medieval Iberian History. They were Zaida Giraldo, Father Robert I. Burns, and Benjamin F. Taggie.

Business and Organizational Notes

Minutes of the Business Meeting of May 4, 1976 --

Following the annual program held in conjunction with the Medieval Conference at the University of Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, the American Academy of Research Historians on Medieval Spain held its regular Business Meeting.

The meeting proceeded to the nomination of officers: Professors Robert I. Burns, University of San Francisco; Joseph F. O'Callaghan, Fordham University; and James Powers, The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester; for the presidency. Professors Clara Estow, U. of Massachusetts, Boston; and Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova U.; were nominated for the post of Secretary-Treasurer. The meeting further directed the Acting-Secretary to provide on the ballot for write-in candidates.

In the other item of business, Professor Benjamin F. Taggie, Central Michigan University, was selected to arrange the Academy panel for the Medieval Conference in spring, 1977.

The Acting-Secretary reported a current bank balance of \$79.00 for the Academy.

The election held in the late spring and early summer of 1976 has resulted in the election of Professor Robert I. Burns, S.J., the University of San Francisco, as first President of the Academy and Professor Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova University, as Secretary-Treasurer. Some forty-five of the members cast ballots. Professors Joseph George, Jr. and Thomas R. Greene, both of Villanova University, kindly agreed to serve as official tellers.

The Secretary-Treasurer reports a current bank balance for the Academy of \$197.25. Fifty-six members have paid dues for 1976 and seven of them have prepaid their 1977 dues. There was in addition one small contribution over and above dues.

Membership in the Academy currently stands at eighty-six. Most members reside and work in the United States but there are also, at present, three members from Spain, two from Canada, and one from Israel. Hopefully the latter will increase as the work of the Academy becomes better known and even diversifies somewhat.

Professor Benjamin F. Taggie of Central Michigan University has agreed to assume the editorship of the Academy Newsletter. Professor Taggie will be at Harvard this year as an NEH Fellow and should be contacted at Apt. 10, 6 Thayer Pond Drive, North Oxford, Massachusetts 01537.

On August 9, 1976, Mr. Mack Thompson, Executive Director of the American Historical Association informed the Secretary-Treasurer that the Academy has been officially recognized as an Affiliated Society of the AHA. The Academy will be so listed in a Supplemental Directory of Affiliated Societies to be published in the fall Newsletter of the AHA.

The recognition will enable the Academy to secure a fall listing of the program which it ordinarily presents in conjunction with the annual meetings of the AHA in the program of that Association. Recognition may have come too late, however, for such a listing in this year's program. The possibility is being explored.

Letter from Robert I. Burns, President of AARMS

TO THE ACADEMICIANS

The Academy has just passed through significant stages of organizational growth: adoption of a final constitution, decisions on such housekeeping details as dues and a newsletter, national election of officers, and formal affiliation with the American Historical Association. These supportive mechanisms do not comprise the Academy itself, which has enjoyed a lusty life since its first panel and business meeting at the American Historical Convention at San Francisco in 1973. The Academy has mounted regular Spring and Winter programs during each succeeding year, in conjunction respectively with the American Historical and Medieval Conference (Michigan) gatherings. It has also "franchised" successful regional meetings, and conducted a national questionnaire.

The Academy's growth reflects not only an increasing concentration of historians in early Iberian history, but also the steady and phenomenal expansion of Medieval Studies generally. It reflects as well the need, manifested by over two dozen groups affiliated with the American Historical Association, for subsidiary organizations to supply the encounter and active interchange of specialists, otherwise minimal in the now fragmented programs of the general associations.

As its first manifesto indicated, our group hopes to emulate those relatively unstructured and open academies of the early Renaissance -- "circles of friends" bound by common professional enthusiasms, rather than the centralized and impersonal societies familiar to us all. Important for realizing that hope is initiative at the local level: members are encouraged to organize their own programs and gatherings of the Academy, either independently or at conventions of regional societies they attend, rather than to wait upon our central office. Though prior approval of the Academy's officers is needed, it will usually be gladly given.

Those who prefer the less taxing role of observer, active or passive, are hereby welcomed to the lively biennial meetings to be celebrated at Washington, D.C., this December and at Western Michigan University next May. If you are unable to make your way to either site, you can be assured of adequate reportage via our Newsletter and items in the MLA Corónica.

Robert I. Burns, S.J.
President

Interorganizational Relationships and News

Subscriptions and articles would be welcomed by the Journal of Hispanic Philology, a new scholarly journal which will begin publication this year. Individual subscriptions are \$12.00/volume; library subscriptions \$25.00. (Please recommend the journal to your library!) Further information, including the composition of the editorial board, is available upon request. The address of JHP is: Department of Modern Languages, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

Professor Julian G. Plant, Director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library, has upon request of Professor Bernard Reilly, supplied us with a list of the current holdings of the center in the Spanish area as follows:

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS PHOTOGRAPHED TO 7 SEPTEMBER 1976

<u>SPANISH COLLECTIONS</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>CODICES</u>	<u>B/W EXPOSURES</u>	<u>COLOR EXPOSURES</u>
1. Barcelona. Archivo Capitular de la Catedral de Barcelona	Cathedral Chapter	225	33,668	96
2. Barcelona. Archivo Diocesano	Diocesan Archive	1,357		
3. Barcelona. Archivo Episcopal	Episcopal Archive	12		
4. Barcelona. Biblioteca del Seminario Diocesano	Seminary Library	30		
5. Barcelona. Sant Pere des les Puelles	OSB Nuns	1,043	174,450	211
6. Gerona. Archivo Capitular	Cathedral Chapter	160	29,961	582
7. Gerona. Museo Diocesano	Museum	11	1,906	179
8. Gerona. Seminario Diocesano	Seminary	69	14,438	170
9. Huesca. Archivo de la Catedral	Cathedral Archive	64	11,153	814
10. Lérida. Museo Diocesano	Museum	2	1,747	
11. Montserrat. Biblioteca del Monasterio	OSB	415	48,612	204
12. Pamplona. Biblioteca de la Catedral	Cathedral Chapter	70		
13. Perelada. Palacio de Perelada	Palace	240 ¹	15,406	367
14. Poblet. Monasterio de Santa Maria. Archivo	O.CIST.	22	5,086	176
15. Seo de Urgel. Archivo de la Catedral	Cathedral Archive	167	31,293	263
16. Silos. Archivo de Sto. Domingo de Silos	OSB	17	3,836	136
17. Solsona. Archivo del Museo Diocesano	Museum	12	2,023	
18. Tarazona. Archivo de la Catedral	Cathedral Archive	188	47,587	752
19. Tarragona. Archivo Historico Archidiocesano	Archdiocesan Archive	23		
20. Tarrasa. Priorat de Santa Maria	Parish	103		
21. Toledo. Biblioteca del Cabildo	Cathedral	909	174,446	3,324
22. Tortosa. Archivo Capitular de Tortosa	Cathedral Chapter	328	62,836	726
23. Vallbona de las Monjas. Monasterio Cisterciense de Sta. Maria	O.CIST.	30	5,787	38
24. Vich. Archivo Capitular & Museo	Archive & Museum	113	27,277	619
25. Zaragoza. Biblioteca Capitular	Cathedral Library	118	15,509	
26. Zaragoza. Biblioteca del Real Seminario de San Carlos	Seminary Library	228	52,870	185
		225	11,804	109
		<u>6,191</u>	<u>771,695</u>	<u>8,951</u>

¹1191 charters, 42 letters and 5 printed works were filmed in addition to the 240 manuscripts in Perelada.

The Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies will hold its Eight Annual Conference on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington from March 25 through March 26, 1977.

Announcements

In the future we will endeavor to include a section in each Newsletter which will include information related to members; recent publications, papers read at professional meetings, awards received, and research projects in progress. All information to be included in the Spring Newsletter should be sent to Benjamin Taggie, 6 Thayer Pond Drive, Apartment 10, North Oxford, Massachusetts 01537. After June 1, announcements should be sent to me care of, Department of History, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859. Any information related to membership or dues should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania 19085.