

Dear Colleagues:

Please forgive both the brevity and lateness of this issue of the Newsletter. In regard to the brevity, I can only excuse myself because of a Fall Semester in which I have had the dubious pleasure of coping with nearly five hundred students. For my tardiness, I was under the impression that I was no longer editor of the Newsletter. It was only last month that I called Joe O'Callaghan and became aware that I was still the editor. Alas, weak excuses, but I hope the approaching Christmas season will make you vulnerable to such feeble excuses. I will attempt to redeem myself by being more punctual with the Spring Newsletter.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN PREPARATION

The Academy will present the following program at the AHA in New York, in December, 1979. (At this time I still do not know the place or date of the session.)

Title of Session: Medieval Iberian Queens

Chairman of Session: Joseph F. O'Callaghan, Fordham University

Participants: 1. Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova University

Paper: 'Urraca of Leon-Castile (1109-1126): Sovereign, Wife and Mother.'

2. John C. Shideler, University of California, Berkeley

Paper: 'Peronella, Queen of Aragon and the Regency of Alfonso I.'

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

The Academy will present the following program at the Fifteenth International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May, 1-4.

Theme of Session: Hispanic Medieval Economic History

Chairman of Session: Norman Roth, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Participants: 1. Father Robert Burns

Paper: 'The Friars of the Sack in the Social Order of the Realms of Aragon: Archival Traces'

2. Paul Freedman

Paper: 'The Rural Economy of Catalonia and the Process of Enserfment'

3. James F. Powers

Paper: 'The Role of Booty and Its Distribution in the Municipalities of Castile and Aragon During the Twelfth and Thirteenth Century Reconquest'

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY TREASURER, MAY, 1979

As of May 1, 1979 the outstanding balance of Academy funds stood at \$502.15. To the knowledge of the Secretary-Treasurer there are, at present, no outstanding debts.

The collection of dues for calendar 1979 seems to be as complete as it is likely to be. The membership in the Academy as of May 1, 1979 stood at ninety-two. During the past year eight new members have been accepted and four former members have resigned. The up-dating of the membership list and the, at least, minimal specification of their particular areas of interest was accomplished last summer and the results were published in the October, 1978 Newsletter.

The Academy continues to meet twice a year and to sponsor a panel on each occasion. The meeting in conjunction with The Medieval Conference at Western Michigan University each spring never has presented a problem. The meeting at the time of that of The American Historical Association continues to produce minor problems, notice in the printed program for example, as the AHA agonizes over the implications of affiliated status.

The planning for a fall, 1980 special meeting in New York, which would commemorate the nine-hundredth anniversary of the reception of the Roman Rite in Leon-Castile and related topics, is progressing satisfactorily if sedately.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernard F. Reilly  
Secretary-Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1980 SSPHS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

The Society's next annual conference will be held in New York on Friday and Saturday, 11-12 April 1980. The Spanish Institute will be our host with the cooperation of the Institute on Latin American and Iberian Studies of Columbia University. The chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee is Carleton Sprague Smith, Vice-Chairman of the Spanish Institute, 684 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021. The chairman of the Program Committee of the conference is Edward E. Malefakis, Department of History, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027. They urge you to submit your suggestions regarding panels or other conference activity to the Program Committee soon.

SOCIETY FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE HISTORICAL STUDIES AT THE AHA

The Society will be active in the program at the convention of the American Historical Association in New York this December. There will be a cocktail party co-sponsored by the Academy of American Research Historians on Medieval Spain from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 28 December, in Suite 507 of the New York Hilton.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Medieval Studies Council cordially invites you to participate in the MEDIEVAL FORUM to be held on the campus of Plymouth State College, New Hampshire, April 18-19, 1980. Scholars, teachers, and students (graduate or undergraduate) interested in the Middle Ages are invited to attend.

Should you wish to attend the Forum, submit a proposal for a paper or a complete session, or act as a moderator or commentator, please contact the director listed below.

Selection of papers will be governed by these guidelines:

1. Papers or sessions may be on any aspect of medieval studies.
2. Papers will be limited to 30 minutes, sessions to two hours.
3. The matching of papers presented in each session will be an important consideration in selection.
4. Individuals who propose complete sessions must assure the willingness to participate of others listed on the form.
5. Papers by specialists will be welcome, but preference will be given to discussions of topics of general interest to teachers of medieval subjects.

All presentations will be audiotaped and videotaped. Participants may purchase the tape of their presentation at cost.

For more information contact: Professor Manuel Marquez-Sterling, Director  
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Any information related to membership or dues should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bernard F. Reilly, Villanova, Villanova, PA 19085. All members wishing to include information in the Spring Newsletter should send their material to Benjamin F. Taggie, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859.