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APPEL DE COMMUNICATIONS CALL FOR PAPERS

pour la réunion annuelle de l'ACÉP
for the CSPS annual meeting

Brock University, St. Catherine's, Ontario
du 26 au 28 mai 1996

Members of the CSPS/ACÉP are invited to submit proposals for papers for the annual meeting in 1996. Papers should be twenty minutes in length, allowing ten minutes for discussion afterwards.

The Society's interdisciplinary seminar on **The Representation of Violence and the Violence of Representation** in early Christian literature and culture, inaugurated at the Montreal meeting in 1995, will continue this year. For further information see the separate notice below.

Il y aura aussi cette année une séance spéciale sur l'oeuvre de saint Augustin et sa postérité, sous le titre: **Augustin et les augustinismes, 400-1700: Perspectives littéraires, historiques, anthropologiques et théologiques**. Cette séance, qui sera assurée conjointement par l'ACÉP, la Société canadienne des médiévistes (SCM/CSM) et la Société canadienne d'études de la Renaissance (SCER/CSRS), aura lieu l'après-midi du 28 mai. Son programme comportera environ six communications, dont deux ont été réservées préalablement aux membres de l'ACÉP. Vos résumés sont à envoyer au responsable de notre société (voir ci-dessous).

Papers on the Greek Fathers may be scheduled for a joint session with the Canadian Association of Eastern Christian Studies.

Many presenters and their audiences have found it useful to have a handout containing pertinent texts distributed at the sessions. While not required, this practice is encouraged.

s.v.p. envoyer vos résumés (abstracts) au président du comité du programme:

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Please specify any audio-visual requirements when submitting your abstract and state (if necessary) times when you would not be able to deliver your paper. Please include your name, position, and a brief biographical statement with your abstract.

Tous les résumés doivent parvenir au président du programme avant le 22 janvier, y compris ceux qui sont destinés au séminaire sur la violence dans le discours chrétien ancien.

Abstracts for paper accepted for presentation will be published in the April *Bulletin* with the programme for the conference.

SEMINAR ON THE REPRESENTATION OF VIOLENCE AND THE VIOLENCE OF REPRESENTATION

At the 1995 meeting of the CSPA, seven papers were presented as part of the seminar on violence in early Christian literature and culture. On the strength of this interest, the seminar will continue at the 1996 meeting. The seminar will focus on violence in the representation of women, a sub-theme that emerged in the seminar in 1995, but papers of related interest are also welcome.

Abstracts of 100-150 words should be sent to Mark Vessey, Chair, Programme Committee by January 22, 1996 (see the call for papers above). Participants should be prepared to make a draft of their paper available for other presenters in the seminar by April 30, 1996.

For information on the seminar, contact Theodore de Bruyn, 408 Riverdale Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 1S2, tel: (613) 730-7841, fax: (613) 952-3556; email: tsdbruyn@ccs.carleton.ca.

PRIX D'ESSAI

Nous invitons les membres de la faculté à nous recommander pour ce prix des essais sur le christianisme ancien du II^e au V^e siècle. Sont éligibles les essais reçus au cours de l'année civile 1995 de vos étudiants de premier cycle ou d'études supérieures.

Prix: Le gagnant ou la gagnante recevra le status de membre-étudiant de l'association pour un an, ainsi que le choix entre un cheque de 100 dollars ou l'assurance de recevoir des frais (jusqu'à concurrence de 200 dollars) de son voyage au Colloque Annuel de l'Association pendant les réunions des Sociétés Savants à l' Université Brock à Saint Catherine's, le 26-28 mai 1996, dans l'objectif d'y présenter l'essai gagnant.

Date limite: le 15 janvier 1996

Notification: le gagnant/la gagnante sera notifié/e le 22 mars 1995 ou avant cette date.

Veuillez adresser les textes à: M. le Professeur Patrick Gray
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ESSAY PRIZE

Faculty are invited to recommend essays which deal with early Christianity (100-600) for this prize. To be eligible, essays should have been submitted in the course of the calendar year 1995. both graduate and undergraduate essays will be considered.

Award: The winning essayist will receive one year of membership in the Society, as well as the choice between a cheque for 100 dollars or the assurance of receiving the costs (up to a limit of 200 dollars) of his or her travel to the Annual Conference of the Society during the meetings of the Learned Societies at Brock University in Saint Catherine's, May 26-28, 1996 for the purpose of presenting the winning essay.

Deadline: January 15, 1996

Notification: The winner will be notified on or before March 22, 1996.

Please address submissions to: Professor Patrick Gray
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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS/ APPEL DE CANDIDATURES

The following positions will have to be filled from June 1995 on:

Secrétaire [à remplacer Patrick Gray] (96-99)

Treasurer [to replace Kevin Coyle] (96-99)

Membre du Comité des candidatures [à remplacer John Egan] (96-99)

3 Members of the Programme Committee [to replace Mark Vessey, Peter Booth, and Peter Widdicombe] (96-99)

2 Representative of the CSPS at the Annual Meeting of the CCSR [to replace Charles Kannengiesser and Wesley Stevens] (96-99)

Représentant de l'ACÉP au conseil d'administration de la CCSR [à remplacer Anne Pasquier] (95-98)

If you are willing to let your name stand for election, or have any name to suggest, please write before March 1 to:

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SPECIAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN CORPORATION FOR STUDIES IN RELIGION

The Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR) will devote the second hour of its 1996 Annual General Meeting to a special session on how the CCSR and its member societies can together deal with the gradual elimination of operating grants to learned societies. The meeting will take place on Monday, May 27, 1996, 12h00 - 13h00, following the regular business of the AGM from 11h00 - 12h00.

In February 1995 the Social Sciences and Humanities Council (SSHRC) announced that, as a result of a cut of 14 per cent over the next three years to the Council's budget, SSHRC would phase out core funding for the Canadian Federation for the Humanities (CFH), the Social Sciences Federation of Canada (SSFC), and Scholarly Associations over the next three years. (Funds

which support the administration of the Aid to Scholarly Publications Program and travel to Learned Societies' meetings will be protected.)

In response to the elimination of core funding, the CFH and the SSFC are proposing that they amalgamate into a new organization. (Members of CSPS received a copy of this proposal from Harry Maier in June 1995.) The special meeting of CCSR will be an occasion for the CCSR and its societies to discuss suggestions on how they can best function without core funding and relate both to SSHRC and the proposed new organization that may devolve from CFH and SSFC.

Please advise Harry Maier and Theodore de Bruyn of issues to be raised or suggestions to be made at this special meeting, and reserve the hour on your schedule, if you are planning to attend the 1996 Learned Societies meeting.

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CSBS* SEMINAR - JEWS, CHRISTIANS AND 'PAGANS' IN URBAN CONTEXT

The following prospectus was circulated in May of 1994. Members of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies may well be interested in involving themselves in some way in this seminar, which now must be up and running. They can find out more by contacting Gregory Bloomquist or Peter Richardson, both members of our society (see information in the Directory, enclosed with this bulletin).

1. Concept - We have in mind a seminar that would function at three interconnected levels.

(1) **Area studies:** The foundational level has to do with the concrete urban realities of the Roman Empire. We would proceed by area, probably defined in terms of Roman provinces. With respect to each area, we would explore the social/economic/political realities of several cities within the area, and in addition attempt to get a sense of how these cities functioned within the wider realities of the province as a whole.

(2) **Jews, Christians and "Pagans":** Building on the basic level and within the contexts established there, our more specific interest has to do with the interrelationships of Jews, Christians and (for want of a better word) "pagans" within these urban and provincial settings. We are particularly interested in the tri-cornered nature of these relationships. All too often scholarly investigation has treated bi-lateral relationships -- Christianity and Judaism; Judaism and Hellenism; Christianity and mystery religions; etc. -- without taking sufficiently into account what the case of (e.g.) Celsus or Ignatius should have made clear, viz. that three parties were usually in view. (Of course, language such as "tri-cornered" and "three parties" is not intended to ignore the element of diversity within each of the three.)

(3) **The Struggle for "Success"**: The localized studies represented by the first two levels, while of intrinsic interest, will also be shaped and guided by a set of questions related to a third level. At this level we will attempt to recognize the essentially competitive nature of the tri-cornered relationship described above. That is, the religious groups of interest were attempting to appeal to the same people, in a single public arena, for sympathy, support, respect, status, new members, influence, power --in a word, success. The question, then, has to do with understanding the nature of this competitive struggle, and in particular, its outcome in the "Christianizing of the Roman Empire." to quote the title of Ramsay MacMullen's pertinent book. We will be concerned not solely with the "success" of Christianity, but with the shape of the outcome of the "struggle for success" as it pertains to all of the groups. To put it another way, the question is an updated version of that addressed by Harnack in his Mission and Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries.

2. Time Frame - The precise limits of the period to be investigated are still open to discussion. The tri-cornered nature of our concerns suggest a terminus a quo of c. 30 CE (representing the approximate date of the emergence of the Christian movement). But any investigation of the social situation in each area will need to begin, at least in some fashion, with the arrival of Roman power, which will of course vary from area to area.

At the other end, a natural terminus ad quem would be some date representing the Christianization of the Empire -- perhaps 330 CE, the founding of Constantinople. But while the study of Christian origins should not be artificially restricted to the first century, one wonders whether such an extension of boundaries into the fourth might not excessively stretch the competencies and interests of our membership.

One solution would be to set the limits as 30 - 200 CE, with the understanding that our project raises questions requiring us to take into consideration material and developments extending past both boundaries of our focal period of interest. The issue requires further discussion, however.

3. Title - The following is a tentative title, subject to revision, especially in the matter of time frame (see #2 above):

"Jews, Christians, and 'Pagans' in Urban Context: The Struggle for Success in the First Two Centuries"

4. Organizational Structure - We propose: (1) recognized membership, open to any CSBS member, but involving a membership fee to cover part of the costs of copying and distributing papers; (2) a steering committee of five or six members; (3) two co-ordinators, also members of the steering committee (and included in the five or six just mentioned).

- It is hoped that the steering committee will meet each year, preferably prior to the annual meetings, to evaluate and plan. Such meetings will be open to any member of the seminar: the reason for a recognized steering committee is to ensure the commitment of at least this minimum number to such regular evaluation/planning meetings.

- The membership fee will be set on the basis of the assumption that the society will pay half the costs of reproduction. The fee for this (and any other) seminar could perhaps be collected along with the membership renewal fee. To keep costs down, we might explore electronic distribution of the papers, perhaps through the IOUDAIOS network.

5. Format and Procedure - As presently conceived, the seminar will last for six years, covering three provinces in successive two-year blocks. The tentative suggestion at this point is that we deal with Syria (perhaps including Galilee), Asia and Egypt (perhaps in that order).

- We will need to find some way to deal appropriately with different time periods. Perhaps we could differentiate between the two years: in the first year of each two year cycle, a synchronic set of city and area studies for (say) a twenty-five year period centred on 75 CE; in the second year, a similar orientation around (say) 150 CE (without eliminating entirely a diachronic concern).

- Each paper should have a respondent

In order to provide adequate time for each paper, we should perhaps limit ourselves to six papers a year, spread over two sessions. This would result in twelve papers for each province/area, perhaps distributed as follows:

Year 1

Level 1 - Two papers dealing with specific cities. These papers should be current (containing an up-to-date survey of information and scholarly discussion), comprehensive (dealing with the city as a whole rather than individual aspects of it), and introductory (assuming that most members of the seminar have limited knowledge of the specific site, and using appropriate means -- e.g. slides, photos, diagrams -- to inform).

- One paper dealing with the area as a whole.

Level 2 - Three "case studies" -- i.e. specific studies of the tri-cornered relationship as described above, dealing with literary and/or archaeological source material.

Year 2

Level 1 - One further paper dealing with a specific city, perhaps centred on a different time period, as suggested above.

- Another area study, again dealing with the later period.

Level 2 - Two additional "case studies"

Level 3 - Two papers dealing with themes related to the "struggle for success." While we should not narrow our horizons too rigidly, these papers should as much as possible deal with the situation in the area under investigation.

6. Associated Activities - There are several types of scholarly activity that could naturally be associated with the proposed seminar. (1) As with previous seminars, we should envisage publications in the ESCJ series. I think there is the potential for one or more very useful volumes. (2) Several of those who have expressed interest in the seminar have current SSHRCC research grants that could probably tie in to the project. Looking to the future, we should think in terms of one or more joint proposals that would include the seminar as a central component. (3) The seminar would provide solid opportunities for student involvement, perhaps even relating to dissertation topics. Student involvement should also be part of any joint SSHRCC grant proposal. (4) We should explore the possibility of some joint activities with other societies, e.g. the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies. (5) Finally, Peter Richardson suggests that there could be a tie-in with future editions of the mid-east study tours that he organizes. There are tentative plans for a trip through Turkey and Greece in the spring of 1995.

7. Call for Papers - Evidently, if the seminar is to be successful, we will need to begin to line up papers for next year and beyond. The steering committee will take some initiative in inviting specific papers. But we are interested in any indication of interest (topics, presentation dates, etc.) that may be forthcoming here.

* Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

CHANGES AT CFH AND SSHRCC

Members of the society who attended last June's Annual General Meeting, or who read the letter sent out by CFH (Canadian Federation for the Humanities) over the summer, will realize that big changes are taking place in the granting agency (SSHRCC--the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) and the federation (CFH) through which SSHRCC has traditionally assisted societies like ours with administrative and travel grants, and through sponsorship of the Learned Societies Conferences. Many of our members have also received their support through such programmes as grants in aid of scholarly publication.

The catalyst for change--the bombshell, you might say--has been the reduction in federal funding for SSHRCC: fourteen per cent over three years. Faced with that reduction in its budget, and refusing to cut into its programme of research grants to scholars, SSHRCC has had to pass significant reductions on to the federations.

CFH quickly announced that administrative grants to member societies would be phased out over three years; your executive is attempting to get clarification on the precise scope of cuts in the next two years, and is holding off on implementing any increase in fees as authorized by the last Annual General Meeting. The administrative grant at present provides us with \$1000 each year.

Travel grants will continue to be available, it seems, but at a fifteen per cent lower level than before. Travel grants have been set at about the same level as the administrative grant. The society has always succeeded in the competitions SSHRCC holds for travel-grants. These cover a period of three years, but unfortunately we have just completed one such granting period. This means that we shall have to make a submission in the next round of competitions, with no guarantee that we shall be successful.

The biggest change has been the decision (hot off the press) of the CFH at its Nov. 18 General Assembly to dissolve the federation. It was then moved to create, with the Canadian Federation of Social Sciences, a new federation, to be called, tentatively, the Social Science and Humanities Federation of Canada. (The CFSS will have to similarly dissolve itself and move to join with the former CFH at its December 2 meeting.) This new federation will be largely independent of SSHRCC.

Another change to take place recently is the decision to establish a permanent secretariat to administer the newly-named Learned Congress. This permanent secretariat is meant to ensure more accountability, and more continuity and consistency from congress to congress, than has been observed in the past.

It is not yet at all clear how these various changes affect us in CSPA. They come at a time when other changes are in the air. For instance, there is a proposal for an expanded role for the Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR), perhaps in sponsoring a large conference for all the societies interested in religion. Looking across the border, there are also proposals for closer cooperation or some kind of organic relationship with the North American Patristic Society (NAPS). There is an old curse, "May you live in interesting times". Whether or not it is a curse, we certainly are having that experience!

NOUVELLES DE NOS MEMBRES

Louis **PAINCHAUD** will be a visiting scholar at the Ecole pratique des hautes études in Paris, May 15 to June 15, 1996. Has published *L'écrit sans titre* in the series Bibliothèque copte de Nag Hammadi.

Donna **FOLEY** has received her doctorate from the University of Ottawa. Her thesis dealt with the idea of the body in Ambrose of Milan.

Patrick **GRAY**: New Email address: pgray@yorku.ca. Presented papers: "From Patristic to Byzantine Theology: The Transformation Effected by the Sixth Century", to the Australian Byzantine Studies conference, Brisbane, 1995; "A Star is Born: The Patrifaction of Athanasius", to the Byzantine Studies Conference, New York, Nov. 1995. Is working, at his home address, on a sabbatical project on "patrifaction", the process by which certain of the early Christian writers became "fathers" (a canon of authoritative theologians).

CCSR PUBLICATION NEWS

The Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR) anticipates that it will publish five books in 1995, including the first volume in its new series Studies in Women and Religion/Études sur les Femmes et la Religion:

Denise Veillette (ed.), Femmes et Religion, Studies in Women and Religion/Études sur les Femmes et la Religion, vol. 1 (Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1995).

Other recent titles of interest to members of CSRS include:

Olivette Genest, Le discours du Nouveau Testament sur la mort de Jesus (Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1995).

Jack Lightstone, The Rhetoric of the Babylonian Talmud, Its Social Meaning and Context, Studies in Christianity and Judaism/Études sur le christianisme et le judaïsme, vol. 6 (Wilfred Laurier University Press, 1994).

The journal Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses would welcome manuscripts from members of CSRS; it is currently short on good anglophone submissions. The editors are also open to suggestions that might lead to the preparation of a special issue of particular interest to scholars in early Christianity. Please forward any ideas to Theodore de Bruyn, CSRS representative on the Publications Committee of CCSR, or directly to the editors of the journal.

ORGANIZATION OF CSRS AFTER JUNE 1995/ ORGANISATION DE L'ACÉP APRÈS JUIN 1995

Please see pages 10 and 11 in the *Directory*, which has been distributed with this edition of the *Bulletin*.

THE ECOLE INITIATIVE: CALL FOR ARTICLES

The Ecole (Early Church On-Line Encyclopedia) Initiative is seeking contributions from qualified authors on all aspects of Church history up to 1500 CE. Articles on topics that pre-exist the early Church, but which are still relevant to it in some way, are also needed. These may include topics on ancient Judaism, ancient Greece and Rome, other early religious traditions, etc.

The Ecole Initiative is an effort on the part of scholars across the internet to build a hypertext encyclopedia of early Church history on the World-Wide Web. Though the Initiative is still in its initial stages, already it is visited 100 times daily from beyond the University of Evansville, where it is based. Along with the main title index, Ecole includes a growing glossary intimately related to a two-dimensional (temporal and geographical) chronology and a documents page that points to over 100 primary source documents related to early Church history stored on the World-Wide Web.

To find out more, please visit the site at:

<http://www.evansville.edu/~ecoleweb>

Or you may email me at ecole@evansville.edu. In addition, I will be available for consultation at the November meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

Sincerely,
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FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS

Humboldt Research Fellowships for Foreign Scholars

As many as 500 research fellowships are granted annually to highly qualified scholars under 40 years of age enabling them to conduct research in Germany on projects of their own choice.

Applications: These may be submitted by scholars in all academic fields and from all countries at anytime. There are no quotas with respect to either study areas or scholar origins. Selection committee meetings are held in March, June/July and November.

Sponsorship period: 6-12 months. As many as four months of this period may be spent at research institutions in other European countries (for German research institutions elsewhere in Europe stays of as many as six months are permitted).

Monthly research fellowship stipends: These will vary between DM 3,200 and DM 4,000 net: additional support is available for travel, accompanying married partner, language course, and other expenses.

Application requirements: A doctoral degree or its equivalent, superior academic achievement, peer-reviewed publications, a specific research plan, a good command of the German language

Humboldt Research Awards for Foreign Scholars

As many as 200 Humboldt Research Awards are granted annually to internationally recognized foreign scholars who may reside in any country and conduct research in any academic field.

Nominations: Eminent German scholars may propose candidates at any time; applications from candidates are not accepted. There is no age limit award. Selection committee meetings are held 3 times a year, normally in March, June/July and November.

Sponsorship period: Award winners are invited to spend between 4 and 12 months at German research institutions. Nominators may contact the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Bonn.

Total value of the award: Between DM 20,000 and DM 120,000.

Nominee requirements: Full/associate professor or equivalent standing, internationally recognized research record.

U.S. Liaison Office: 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W., Suite 2020, Washington, DC 20007. Phone: (202) 296-2990; Fax (202) 833-8514; E-Mail: humboldt@umail.umd.edu. Main Office: Jean-Paul-Str. 12, D- 53173 Bonn, Germany. Phone: (011-49- 228) 833-0 Fax: (011-49-228) 833199.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF RHETORIC - CALL FOR PAPERS

ELEVENTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, SASKATOON, CANADA, 22-26 JULY 1997

THE GRECO-ROMAN RHETORICAL TRADITION: ALTERATIONS, ADAPTATIONS,
ALTERNATIVES

"The Greco-Roman Rhetorical Tradition: Alterations, Adaptations, Alternatives" will be the theme of the Eleventh Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada, 22-26 July 1997.

The focus on "Alterations" and "Adaptations" recognizes that the art of rhetoric has emerged and changed with the societies that have produced the Greco-Roman tradition of discourse or adapted it to new institutional and cultural conditions and uses throughout its history. The focus on "Alternatives" acknowledges other discourses that have challenged and continue to challenge the Greco-Roman tradition wherever Europeans have transplanted it throughout the world.

Proposals for 20-minute papers in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish should be submitted by 9 February 1996 to the ISHR President. Please contact her for a form: Professor Judith Rice Henderson, Dept of English 9 Campus Dr., University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon SK, Canada S7N 5A5; Telephone: (306) 966-5497, Fax: (306) 966-5951, Email: HENDRSNJ

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A seminar on "WOMEN AND THE RHETORICAL TRADITION" will be organized by Professor Christine Sutherland. Scholars wishing to contribute on this topic should submit proposals directly to her by the deadline of 9 February 1996. Since the Society may publish proceedings of this seminar, participants will be asked to circulate completed papers in the autumn of 1996. Contact: Professor Christine Sutherland, University of Calgary, Faculty of General Studies, 2500 University Dr NW, Calgary, AB, Canada T2N 1N4; Telephone: (403) 220-7339, Fax: (403) 282-6716, E-mail: SUTHERLA@acs.ucalgary.ca.

The Society will be applying for a modest conference grant to assist the travel of participants who cannot otherwise attend. Graduate students, independent scholars, and other scholars who expect inadequate government/institutional support should enclose with their proposals a brief explanation of their circumstances and a realistic budget. Support subsequently awarded by other sources must be reported immediately to Professor Henderson.

The International Society for the History of Rhetoric promotes the study of both the theory and practice of rhetoric in all periods and languages and the relationship of rhetoric to poetics, literary theory and criticism, philosophy, politics, religion, law, and other aspects of the cultural context. The Society is not concerned with the furthering of practical rhetorical skills as such.

Scholars may join the ISHR by subscribing to its official journal, *Rhetorica*, published quarterly. To subscribe, send U.S. \$40 (U.S. \$16 for students) to: *Rhetorica*, University of California Press, Journals Division, 2120 Berkeley Way #5812, Berkeley, CA 94720-5812, USA. Orders by Visa or MasterCard only may be faxed to (510) 642-9917.

A CONFERENCE ON ORGANISED CRIME IN ANTIQUITY

The conference will be held at the University of Wales, Lampeter, from 19th to 21st September 1996. The conference will explore the ancient criminal countercultures so rarely examined by modern research. We hope to have sections on banditry and piracy, as well as less obvious areas such as fraud, corruption and extortion. Papers are welcomed dealing with any of these issues on the macro or micro levels.

For further information, please contact Mr Keith Hopwood at the Department of Classics, University of Wales, Lampeter, Dyfed, SA48 7ED, United Kingdom; tel (01570) 422351; fax (01570) 423877; also on e-mail. sj036@lamp.ac.uk. If you wish to present a paper, please submit a title and a 200 word resumé by 1st February 1996.

BULLETIN INFORMATION NEEDED.....

Information about the patristics-related activities of members, about relevant conferences, and any other information that might interest our readers is welcome. Please address submissions to:

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