

## **SITM business meeting, Poznań, July 26, 2013**

- Secretary-Treasurer's report, presented by Robert Clark (see password protected members' area)
- President's report, presented by Mario Longtin

President Longtin expressed his pleasure at having served as SITM President and evoked the following issues that arose during his term:

- difficulties surrounding the transfer of SITM funds
- importance for President as a resource for info, e-mails, publicity; in order for the President to be effective, greater centralization of these functions is necessary
- necessity of funding for IT support
- importance of recruiting young scholars through their supervisors.
- General Discussion and Decisions:
  - dues will be maintained at \$15/year (reduced rate for students or members who do not have a full-time position); dues support the activities of the Society in general and student bursaries in particular
    - Paypal will be the only accepted means of payment
    - website should be altered so that payment for multiple-year membership is distinct from donations as some members may need to use both options and distinguish between them
  - web support
    - a maximum amount of 1000 USD is approved for a period of 3 years, renewable at the discretion of the membership
    - Jesse Hurlbut will continue as website manager for as long as he and the membership (or officers) agree
    - Professor Hurlbut is entrusted with redesigning and updating the website or paying for technical support to carry out these tasks

- membership lists
  - national/regional lists are reinstated (they were suppressed at Lille)
  - national/regional contacts (not 'representatives') will be charged with maintaining a membership list and reminding members at appropriate intervals to pay membership dues
  - past representatives will be asked if they wish to continue as contact
- length and timing of conference
  - conference length will remain 5 days but organizers will consider scheduling it over the weekend, for example, from noon Thursday to noon Tuesday
  - organizers of the next conference will take into consideration the dates of the Leeds conference and try to schedule SITM in such a way that scholars could more easily attend both conferences
- length of papers
  - maximum length of papers will be 15 minutes, strictly enforced
  - presenters are encouraged to use PowerPoint and/or a handout and to speak more slowly/clearly so that participants may more easily understand
- on-line publication of papers
  - pre-conference online publication of papers will be maintained
  - option of secured access with a password will be offered for those who do not want open publication
- selection of next colloquium site
  - Philip Crispin proposed to organize the next SITM conference at Hull: large playing spaces, good university support, ease of access, rich medieval heritage in the area (Beverly and York, where cycle plays will be performed)
  - Alexandra Johnston offered Durham as a possible site in conjunction with support from REED grant
  - possibility of some linking of Hull and Durham sites for performances/sessions/excursions

- it was decided to allow three months for the reception of full proposals from Professors Crispin and Johnston
- a committee composed of the new and outgoing Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers will make the final decision
- selection of themes
  - Latin traditions (high medieval, humanist, etc.)
  - Liturgical and processional/devotional theatre as performance
  - Ritual and festive performance
  - Polyglot theatre (multi- or bilingual)
  - Central and Eastern European theatre
  - Para-theatrical narrative (crossing generic boundaries)
  - Theory, treatises, and aesthetics
  - Terminology and the object of our study
  - Archival research
  - Neo-medieval, multi-media, new technologies, revivals, reinventing the M.A.
  - Presentations of on-going collaborative research and creative projects (REED, etc.)
- election of officers
  - President: Cora Dietl
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Lenke Kovács
- Thanks to and comments from Poznań colloquium organizer Piotr Bering
- Publication of essays from conference
  - Mario Longtin said that a volume of papers on Central/Eastern European Drama is projected
  - President Longtin also said that SITM 'owes' one more volume to *European Medieval Drama*; he will discuss with Brepols what this volume might include

- depending on the outcome of the proposed ROMARD and EMD volumes, Professor Bering may be encouraged to approach Cambridge Scholars Publishing, which has contacted him about the possibility of a volume.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Clark, SITM Secretary-Treasurer, 2010-1013