ANNOUNCEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE DISCIPLINE

In its February Business Meeting, the ICMA charged the Committee on the State of the Discipline to make an assessment of the place of medieval art within the art history departments in America, examining in particular the patterns of tenure, promotion and dismissal of medieval art historians and the relation of these patterns to those of art historians in general.

To address this not inconsiderable assignment, the Committee will need the help of the membership of the ICMA. It has drafted the following course of action, and asks members to take note of its schedule and demands.

1) In April 1989, the Committee will send letters to a member--whenever possible a medievalist--of each Ph.D.-granting department, asking for the number and tenacity (by field and sex) of tenured tenure-track non-tenure-track lines in the department; changes in number and tenancy of these positions over the last decade; number of tenure decisions and of successful tenure applications in this period; number and success of medievalists considered for tenure; tenancy of the position if the medievalist did not receive tenure; and an assessment of the place of medieval art history in the department.

2) In the September Newsletter, the Committee will ask the membership at large to respond to similar questions about their departments and/or to offer aspects of their own experience that might contribute to the Committee's assessment.

3) Thereafter, the Committee will poll by letter the remaining art history departments in the country; it has compiled a list of some 380 departments in all.

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Any member of the ICMA may submit to the Nominating Committee suggestions for candidates for the Board of Directors to be elected in 1990. Please send the names of proposed candidates, along with their institutional affiliations and areas of specialization, to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Annabel Wharton, Department of Art, 112 East Duke Bldg, Duke University, Durham, N.C. 27701. Suggestions should be submitted by 15 June for consideration by the Committee in its deliberations on the choice of nominees.

PUBLICATION OF SYMPOSIUM PAPERS

The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the ICMA will jointly publish the papers from MEDIEVAL ART IN THE LAST HALF CENTURY, the symposium celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of The Cloisters held last October in the museum auditorium. Edited by Elizabeth Parker, the volume will also include invited essays on objects in the Cloisters collection by members of the museum staff. Funds for publication are being sought.

GOTHIC SCULPTURE IN AMERICA: SPECIAL OFFER

The first volume of the ICMA's survey of Gothic sculpture in America, edited by Dorothy Gillerman, has just appeared. The publisher, Garland Press, lists the volume at $90.00. Institutions should order directly from the publisher. For individual members of the ICMA, however, special arrangements have been made permitting the Center to offer the volume at $45.00 within the United States and $48.00 foreign, postage included. Make checks payable to ICMA and mail to the ICMA Secretary, The Cloisters, Fort Tryon Park, New York, NY 10040. The ICMA is sorry that by agreement with Garland we cannot accept orders from institutional members for this book.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA


10-13 July. ENGLAND IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY (II): THE SIXTH HARLAXTON SYMPOSIUM at Harlaxton College, the British Campus of the University of Evansville, Grantham, England. The symposium will include an inter-disciplinary program of papers by British and American scholars covering various aspects of English history, art, architecture, literature and society. Among the speakers will be P. Binski, M. Camille, J. Cherry, T. Cocke, P. Dixon, M. Dutton, A. Gransden, R. Halseock, G. Henderson, N. Morgan, J. Neaman, D. Parker, M. Thurlby. The cost of the symposium will be £95. For further details and registration forms, write The Symposi-umn Secretary, Harlaxton College, Grantham, Lincolnshire, England NG32 1AG.

10-13 December. THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPT ILLUMINATION IN THE NORTHERN NETHERLANDS, to be held at the University of Utrecht in conjunction with a major exhibition of Dutch illuminated manuscripts in the Rijksmuseum 'Het Catharinacent' in Utrecht. (See Exhibitions Listings.) The Congress will focus on the following themes: Dutch manuscript illumination in relation to the artistic development in neighboring regions, stylistic and iconographic aspects of the art, the relations to other arts and crafts, and the impact of codicological research on the study of Dutch illumination. For further information write the Secretary, Dr. K. van der Horst, University Library, Dept. of Manuscripts, Postbus 16007, 3500 DA Utrecht, The Netherlands.

1990, RATIO FECIT DIVERSUM: SAN BERNARDO E LE ARTI, an international conference being planned by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, the Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, and the Università di Roma "La Sapienza," on the occasion of the nine-hun- dredth anniversary of St. Bernard. The confer-
ence will be divided into three sections: The Buildings, Image and Sign, and Work and Structures. For information contact the Segreteria organizzativa, Enciclopedia dell’Arte Medievale, Instituto della Enciclopedia Italiana, Monte de’Cenci, 8, 00086 Roma, Italy.

CALL FOR PAPERS

By 15 May for the ANNUAL MEETING, 1990, OF THE MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, on 5-7 April 1990. Anyone who has not read a paper at an annual meeting of the Academy in 1986-89 is eligible to propose one for one of the sessions listed. Sessions devoted to art include BURGUNDIAN ART, LITERATURE, AND HISTORY, chaired by Thomas Kren, J. Paul Getty Museum, Box 2112, Santa Monica, CA 90406, and two sessions devoted to SECULAR ART IN AN ECCLESIASTICAL CONTEXT, chaired by M. Alison Stones, Dept. of Fine Arts, 104 Arts Building, Univ. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. This session will explore aspects of “secular” iconography in the decorative programs of ecclesiastical buildings. Submit the title of the proposed paper and one-page abstract (250 words) directly to the appropriate session organizer.

By 19 May for THE CULT OF THE SAINTS IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND EARLY RENAISSANCE: FORMATION AND TRANSFORMATION, the Twenty-third Annual Conference of the Center for Medieval and Early Renaissance Studies, to be held at the State University of New York at Binghamton from 20-22 October. Short papers (20 minutes) from the various fields of medieval culture are invited on the following topics: formation and development of the cult of saints; official cults and popular piety; liturgical, literary, and artistic elaboration of cults; the historical geography of pilgrimage: international, regional, and local shrines; changes in typography: from manuscripts and hermits to confessors, from hagiographic to Christo-centric cults; opposition to saints: criticism, resistance, heresy. Although abstracts will be considered, completed papers will be given priority over them. Send submissions to Professor Sandro Sticca, Conference Coordinator, CEMERS, SUNY-Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13901.

By 1 June for THE SIXTEENTH SAINT LOUIS CONFERENCE ON MANUSCRIPT STUDIES which will meet at St Louis University on 13-14 October. Papers are invited in codology, paleography, illumination, and texts. Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be sent to the Conference Committee, Manuscripta, Pius XII Memorial Library, Saint Louis University, 3650 Lindell Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Final versions of proposed papers, not exceeding nine double-spaced typed written pages, must reach the Committee by 1 August.

By 1 September for THE LEGIBLE BODY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON CORPORALITY AND CULTURE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN to be held at Emory University, Atlanta, 27-28 October. The symposium will provide scholars from diverse disciplines the opportunity to discuss the representation, regulation and perception of the human body in the arts, law, literature, medicine, theology and political theory of medieval Spain. The symposium’s organizers are Michael Solomon and Thomas W. Lyman. Send a one-page abstract of a proposed 20-minute paper to Professor Solomon, Spanish Department, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

By 1 December for ASSOCIATION OF ART HISTORIANS OF BRITAIN, an annual conference to be held at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 23-25 March 1990. Sessions will be devoted to (1) Insular Art, chaired by J.G. Alexander and organized by Roger Stalley, Trinity College, Dublin 2; (2) Regional Workshops in Gothic Architecture and Sculpture, organized by R. Stalley, Trinity College, Dublin 2; (3) Italian Painting: Center and Periphery, 1200-1300, organized by Julian Gardner, Department of the University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL; (4) Italian Schools: Center versus the Provincial, post 1300, organized by Catherine Whistler, The Ashmolean Museum, Oxford OX1 2PH. Paper proposals should be sent directly to the individual organizers. For general information about the conference contact Fintan Cullen, Department of the History of Art, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

By 10 January 1990 for MAN AND NATURE IN THE MIDDLE AGES, the Seventeenth Annual Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, which will convene at the University of the South, Sewanee, on 6-7 April 1990. John Fleming and James McEvoy will be the keynote speakers. Only papers written specifically for this colloquium and related in some way to the theme will be considered. They should be in the exact form the author intends to read and should not exceed ten double-spaced typewritten pages. Send two copies of the paper with end notes and a brief curriculum vitae to the Sewanee Mediaeval Colloquium, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN 37375.

MUSEUM NEWS

Last year the PIERPONT MORGAN LIBRARY in New York City retained Dr. Barbara Schmitz, an Islamic scholar who has recently completed the catalogue of the New York Public Library’s Near Eastern manuscripts, to study the Morgan holdings in this area. Her preliminary research indicates that there are some 800 miniatures, ranging in date from the 9th to the 19th centuries which constitute, in terms of quality if not quantity, one of the five superior collections of non-Western manuscript painting in this country. The masterpiece of the collection is the copy of Ibn Bakhitsh’s Manafi al-Hayawan (Usefulness of Animals, ca. 1297), a sumptuously illustrated bestiary.

The MORGAN LIBRARY has also permitted three exact copies of the gold and jeweled cover on the back of the Lindau Gospels to be made by goldsmith Maiken Fecht and others under the supervision of Dr. Konrad Weidemann, Generaldirektor of the Römisch-Germanisches Central Museum in Mainz, Germany. The original cover dates from the second half of the eighth century. Two of the copies will be made available to students in Germany; the third has been given to the Morgan Library.

The ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, Toronto, Ontario, recently acquired a collection of 135 pieces of Byzantine art. The artifacts range from exquisite examples of gold and silver jewelry to simple terracotta pilgrim tokens. An interesting group of bronze objects include rings, magical amulets, and a very fine censer in the shape of a female head. A major part of the collection dates from the 6th and 7th centuries. The acquisition of this collection was made possible through the generosity of the Government of Ontario and the ROM Membership.

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Norfok has more medieval parish churches than any other part of the British Isles, but the ratio of population per church is low, so building repair and restoration costs are a heavy burden. Each year a number of churches become redundant, falling into disrepair.

The Trust helps churches to stay open and in use, offering advice and providing grant aid. In a few instances it has taken leases on churches which would otherwise have been abandoned so they can be preserved. Since the foundation of the Trust in 1976, many of the worst examples of decay and collapse have been dealt with, but the story is uncending and the Trust seeks funding to continue the work of preserving this essential part of the English heritage and landscape. For further information contact the Hon. Secretary, TERENCE STILES, The Lodge, Millgate, Ayisham, Norwich, Norfolk, NR11 6HX.

EXHIBITIONS

BEYOND THE PHAROHS: EGYPT AND THE COPTS IN THE 2ND TO 7TH CENTURIES A.D., 21 May - 16 July, Main Exhibition Galleries, The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, MD. A major loan exhibition, organized by the Art Museum of the Rhode Island School of Design, which will explore all aspects of the material and intellectual climate of Coptic Egypt from the 2nd to the 7th century A.D. The exhibition will comprise more than 240 objects, including limestone sculptures; ivory, bone and wood carvings; richly colored textiles; ceramic and glass table settings; ornamental bronze lamps and censers; and rare papyrus fragments. This is the first major Coptic show in America since the early 1940s, and worldwide, since the early 1960s.

THE ARTISTIC CULTURE OF THE TOWNS IN POLAND FROM THE 13TH TO THE 16TH CENTURIES, 21 September - 30 November, Museum of the Origin of the Polish State, Gniezno. This is the second in a series of exhibitions dealing with the forces that shaped the culture of medieval Poland. The exhibition will include sculpture, paintings, stained glass, goldsmith work, textiles, illuminated manuscripts and incunabula. A conference will be
more than doubles the number of manuscripts known at that time and fundamentally transforms our knowledge of Dutch miniature painting. See previous listings under Conferences and Symposia for the Congress to be held in conjunction with this exhibition.

THE ABBEY OF ST. GALL (SWITZERLAND) - A CULTURAL CENTER, an exhibition showing the history and development of St. Gall from its beginnings through the Medieval and Baroque periods to the present, is being organized by the Archives of the Abbey of St. Gall and Pro Helvetia, the Swiss Council for the Arts. Featuring architectural models, casts of capitals and ivories and facsimiles of documents and books, the exhibition will emphasize the abbey’s role as an artistic, literary and political center. With an estimated minimum space of 1507 sq. ft., 42 wall panels and 16 glass display cases, the exhibition will be available for a tour in the United States in 1991/92. Interested institutions are asked to write as soon as possible to the Cultural Counselor, Embassy of Switzerland, 2900 Cathedral Ave. NW, Washington DC 20008.

PUBLICATIONS INFORMATION

The ICMA members’ response to the questionnaire about out-of-print books needed for courses has been answered. W. Eugene Kleinbauer’s Modern Perspectives in Western Art History ($24.95) and Adolf Katzenellenbogen’s Allegories of the Virtues and Vices in Medieval Art ($19.95) appeared in the MART series in February. Orders for these books should be addressed to the University of Toronto Press, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A6, or 340 Nagel Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14225.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY, the annual Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain is seeking more articles on medieval architecture. Although a high proportion of articles in recent years have been periodically lost all our records. Appeals are being filed by our accountant.

EDITOR OF GESTA: William Clark was not present. A report was delivered by the President. GESTA 1988, Current Studies on Cluny, was a double issue that was mailed to all members in January. Both issues for 1989 are expected to be larger than usual. Solicitations for GESTA 1989/1 are being corrected now and the issue should be out soon.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Jane Rosenthal thanked everyone who sent information to the Newsletter in 1988 and urged members to send in notices of conferences, exhibitions, publications or any other items of interest.

ELECTIONS

OFFICERS: The following officers, nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Board of Directors, 23 October, 1988, were unanimously reelected: President W. Eugene Kleinbauer, Vice President Walter Cahn, Treasurer Paula Gerson and Secretary Linda Papanicolaou.

DIRECTORS: The following members, nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Board of Directors, 23 October, 1988, were unanimously elected to a three-year term as director (1988-92): Ammerman Weyl Carr, Peter Ferguson, Jaroslav Folda, Ilene Forsyth and Allison Stone.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The following members, nominated by the Board of Directors, 23 October, 1988, were unanimously elected to the Nominating Committee of 1989: Chair Amabel Wharton, Anne Hedeman, Pamela Blum, Barbara Abou-El-Haj and Peter Barnet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

Stephen Scher reported that at its Fall 1988 meeting the Board had agreed to initiate a capital campaign for ICMA in order to be able to support properly GESTA, the Romanesque and Gothic sculpture centers and other projects which the organization has wanted to fund over the years, such as symposia, lectures, exhibitions and archaeological excavations. With a goal of $1.5 million, this campaign will officially last eighteen months. Corporations and foundations and individual philanthropists will be approached, and a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities is being prepared. The members of the Finance Committee have been working on a folder and brochure and are drafting lists of potential donors.

Scher introduced Shula Brudner, the consultant the Board has hired to conduct this campaign. Brudner told the members that the committee welcomes anyone willing to work for the campaign. She stressed that, while the approach to a donor must be made by an ICMA member, she and the committee would provide coaching on the best approach and a targeted amount for the donation. She and Gene Kleinbauer enacted a fundraising solicitation and talked about some of the situations an ICMA canvasser might encounter.
concerned with English architecture of the 16th to 19th centuries, there have been important articles on medieval architecture including pioneering studies of the classification and analysis of moulding profiles by Eileen Roberts in volume 20 and Richard Morris in volumes 21 and 22. More recently, important questions concerning the perception of style are raised in an article by Willibald Sauerländer, “Style or Transition? The fallacies of classification discussed in the light of German architecture 1190-1260,” volume 30, and Eric Fernie’s “Archaeology and Iconography: recent developments in the study of English medieval architecture,” in the forthcoming volume. The present editor is anxious to strengthen the coverage of medieval architecture and would welcome submission of suitable articles on any aspect of medieval architecture within or beyond Europe. Typescripts should be sent to Peter Draper, History of Art Dept., Birkbeck College, University of London, 43, Gordon Square, London WC1H OPD. Enquiries about subscriptions (currently $25 for individual and $30 for institutional membership), and about the availability of back issues, should be addressed to the Honorary Treasurer, Frank Kelsall, Room 208, Chesham House, 30, Warwick St., London W.I.

The University of Parma announces the publication of PORTALS AND POLITICS IN THE EARLY ITALIAN CITY-STATE: THE SCULPTURE OF NICHOLAUS IN CONTEXT, by Christine Verzar Bornstein (14 x 10 in., 175 pp, 235 ill., list price Lire 120,000). This book, in English with an Italian summary, may be ordered for $100.00, surface postage included, from the publisher: Centro di studi medievali, Istituto di Storia dell'arte, Università degli studi di Parma, Piazzale della Pace 5, 43100 Parma, Italy.

JHERONIMUS BOSCH - TUSSEN VOLKSEVEN STADSCULTUR, by Paul Vandenbroeck (available only in Dutch) may be ordered for 1700 BF from Epo, Lange Pastorstraat 25-27, 2600 Berchem (Antwerp), Belgium.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

Anais da Real Sociedade Arqueologica Lusitana, 1987
Arte medievale 1989 no. 1
Ch. Bakirtzis and D. Triantaphyllos, Thrace (Athenes: Greek National Tourism Organisation, 1988)
Gazette du Livre Médieval 13, Fall 1988
Humanities 10(1 and 2, 1989
Icone di Puglia e Basilicata dal Medioevo al Settecento, exhibition catalogue Bari, Pinacoteca Provinciale 9 October-11 December, 1988
Manuscripta, November 1988

Norfolk Churches Trust Limited, Twelfth Annual Report, 1987-88
Umění 36/5 and 6, 1988
APARTMENT IN PARIS FOR RENT. Furnished, two-bedroom, modern kitchen, conveniently located, metro Alesia. Ideal for couple or small family. $1200/month. Available September 1989, for academic year. Contact Prof. Philip M. Weinstein (Swarthmore College), 510 Ogden Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081. Tel. (215) 328-9458.

SECRETARY’S NOTE

Abstracts of of the 1989 ICMA sessions may be ordered for $5.00 postage included from the ICMA office, The Cloisters, Fort Tryon Park, New York NY 10040.

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