

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF RHETORIC

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.

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XVIII BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The Eighteenth Biennial Conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric (ISHR) will be held in Bologna, Italy, from Monday, July 18th to Friday, July 22, 2011. The biennial Conference of ISHR brings together several hundred specialists in the history of rhetoric from around thirty countries. This will be the first meeting of the Society in Italy since 1993. In honour of the origin of the University of Bologna the main theme of the Conference will be "Rhetoric and Law". Papers dedicated to this theme will explore points of contact between rhetoric and law and their mutual influence through the centuries. Papers are also devoted to every aspect of the history of rhetoric in all periods and languages and the relationship of rhetoric to poetics, literary theory and criticism, philosophy, politics, art, religion, geographic areas and other elements of the cultural context.

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MONDAY, JULY 18

9,00-12,00 Council Meeting

Lunch

14,45-15,00 Preliminary Remarks
15,00-16,00 Plenary Session (M. Camargo)
16,00-16,30 Coffee break
16,30-18,30 Parallel Sessions
19,30 Welcome Drink (*Cloister of S. Giovanni in Monte: Piazza S. Giovanni in Monte, 2*)

TUESDAY, JULY 19

9,00-11,00 Parallel Sessions
11,00-11,30 Coffee break
11,30-13,00 Parallel Sessions

Lunch

15,00-17,00 Parallel Sessions
17,00-17,30 Coffee Break
17,30-18,30 Plenary Session (A. Schiavone)
19,30 Reception (*Cloister of S. Cristina: Piazzetta Giorgio Morandi, 2*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

8,15 Bus to Ravenna
10,00-11,00 Plenary Session (H. Maguire)
11,00-11,30 Brunch
11,30-17,30 Free time to visit the mosaics
17,30 Bus to San Apollinare in Classe
18,30 Bus to Bologna

THURSDAY, JULY 21

9,00-11,00 Parallel Sessions
11,00-11,30 Coffee Break
11,30-13,00 Parallel Sessions

Lunch

15,00-17,00 Parallel Sessions
17,00-17,30 Coffee break
17,30-19,00 Parallel Sessions
21,00 Concert (*S. Maria dei Servi: Strada Maggiore 43*)

FRIDAY, JULY 22

9,00-11,00 Parallel Sessions
11,00-11,30 Coffee break
11,30-13,00 Parallel Sessions

Lunch

15,00-17,00 Parallel Sessions
17,00-17,30 Coffee break
17,30-18,30 General Business Meeting
20,00 Closing Banquet (*Circolo degli Ufficiali: Via Marsala, 12*)

Saturday, July 23

Excursion to Ferrara and Pomposa

The 18th Biennial Conference of the ISHR will be held in collaboration with the *Centro di Studi Retorici e Grammaticali* (CSRG), hosted by the Dipartimento di Filologia Classica e Medioevale (Università di Bologna).

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The most brilliant period of the University of Bologna in the Middle Ages (ca. 1100 – 1300) was contemporary to the flourishing of the *Artes Dictandi*, which had been preceded and prepared by the study of Rhetoric, mainly the so-called *Rhetorica vetus* (the *Rhetorica ad Herennium*) and the *Rhetorica nova* (Cicero's *De inventione*). These two works, together with the Bible, furnished the teachers of the Studium and the politicians of the Comune with a cultural and technical basis, which made possible to react against the ideology of the Imperial Chancellery under Federico II. The cultural, political and social weight of the Dictamen was, therefore, of great importance: and, in fact, Bologna, as well as other Universities, gave a basis to the "municipal revolution" made by the *liberi Comuni*.

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