

contacts, it also publishes a complete list of members each year. The current Editor-in-Chief is József Jankovics and the Editor of the World Wide Web edition is István Monok. The second periodical, *Hungarian Studies*, was founded in 1985. It is an internationally edited scholarly journal appearing biannually and carrying articles in English, French and German on subjects relating to the history of Hungarian literature, linguistics, ethnography, the visual arts and Hungarian cultural history in general. *Hungarian Studies* is a forum both for the publication of new research and for the exchange and discussion of ideas and opinions. The journal is published by Akadémiai Kiadó. The current Editor-in-Chief is Mihály Szegedy-Maszák (Budapest).

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## The International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (IANLS)

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The International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (IANLS) is a cross-disciplinary international organization devoted to propagating Latin as a living discipline. Founded about 30 years ago to promote Neo-Latin as a discipline, it holds congresses every 3 years devoted to many different aspects of Neo-Latin studies. It brings together scholars from all parts of Europe and the Americas, who represent such diverse disciplines as literature, history, science, art, philosophy, law, theology. IANLS differs from associations that promote Classical Latin in that it looks at Latin as a living language, one revived by humanists in the 14th century which continues to be used in different disciplines into our present era. From its beginnings Neo-Latin was interdisciplinary and international. It was the language of Europe that enabled communication between the different nations and was used by philosophers, scientists, humanists, those in art and music and letters as a universal language.

About 30 years ago a group of scholars led by Josef Ijsewijn (Universiteit Leuven) assembled to found an organization for the study of Neo-Latin. The first congress was held in Louvain in 1971. In 1974, the second congress was held in Amsterdam and the organization was officially founded. Congresses have followed every three years since then: in Tours, Bologna, Saint Andrews, Wolfenbüttel, Toronto, Copenhagen, Bari, Ávila, and Cambridge. The meeting for 2003 will be held in Bonn, Germany.

When the organization was founded it had several specific goals which were outlined at the first two conferences in Louvain and Amsterdam. The association affirmed that too often Latin as an idiom has been neglected. During the Renaissance scholars, political leaders, writers throughout Europe communicated in Latin and wrote many of their major works in Latin. Yet these important works are often overlooked simply because they are in Latin rather than in the vernaculars. Further, Latin has continued as a living language up to the present. In order to furnish scholars with a guide to Neo-Latin studies, Professor Ijsewijn published in 1974 *The Companion to Neo-Latin Studies*, a work which he updated in 1998. The journal *Humanistica Lovaniensia* was founded for the propagation of Neo-Latin as a discipline.

One of the founding principles of the organization was that it should be truly international. Current members come from Italy, Spain, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, France,

Finland, Sweden, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Great Britain, Canada and the United States. The other principle of the organization is that it should be interdisciplinary. Its members come from many different disciplines – literature, art, music, architecture, theology, law, medicine, history, philosophy, Romance languages, Classical languages and other languages (including the Slavonic languages). They all bring to the Association an enthusiasm for Latin as a living discipline.

The last congress of IANLS was held in Cambridge, England, 30 July to 5 August 2000. Members of the organization presented papers on a wide range of subjects concerned with Neo-Latin. There were in addition five plenary papers by Julia Gaisser, Jean-Louis Charlet, Lucia Gualdo Rosa, Elena Rodriguez-Peregrina, and Heinz Hofmann, presented in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German. During the meetings of the Executive Committee in Leuven in 1998 and in Cambridge in 1999, the Committee undertook the revision of the statutes of the organization. The revision had two aims: to revise the statutes to reflect the actual practice of the organization, and to revise the language of the statutes to remove any inadvertent sexism. The revision of the statutes was approved by the membership. At the same time, Stella Revard was elected President; Jean-Louis Charlet first Vice-President; Marianne Pade secretary. New members of the advisory board include Elena Rodriguez-Peregrina from Spain, Craig Kallendorf from the United States, Johann Raminger from Germany, and Piotr Urbanski from Poland. Continuing members of the Advisory Committee come from France, Italy, Finland and the United States.

As the current President of IANLS (2000–3), I am making plans to hold a problem-solving meeting in 2001 that would address some of the issues that concern the organization. At this meeting we would plan the next congress at Bonn in 2003. We would also address other issues that concern the organization. These include how we may best fulfil our educational mission, how we may foster Neo-Latin Studies in Eastern Europe and in third world countries, how we may more effectively coordinate with those in Classical Studies and in Renaissance Studies. Such a meeting would help us bring Neo-Latin Studies into the 21st century and to promote more effectively the cultural exchange for which the organization was originally designed.

These are some of the issues facing IANLS that need to be addressed.

(a) *Education in Neo-Latin Studies.* The organization was founded with a mission in education. It is in our charter. Programmes in Latin often focus only on Classical Latin. Yet Neo-Latin is an essential language for those who work in the early modern and modern periods. It is necessary for those in art, theology, law, history, as well as literature and other disciplines. Universities in Spain and Germany are forward-looking in their support for Neo-Latin Studies. In other countries Neo-Latin is hardly recognized as a separate discipline from Classical Studies. The Board wishes to investigate ways in which colleagues from different universities and different countries can share information on how to promote study of Neo-Latin.

(b) *Coordination with associations principally concerned with Classical Latin or with Renaissance Studies.* A number of associations which do not deal primarily with Neo-Latin Studies include sessions on Neo-Latin in their annual meetings. Some used to sponsor such sessions but have dropped them. These include the American Philological Association, CAMWS (the Classical Association of the Mid-West and South), the Medieval Academy (with its annual meeting in Kalamazoo), the Renaissance Society of America. The Modern Language Association of America once sponsored a session on Neo-Latin, but now no longer does. In addition there are groups in the United Kingdom and on the continent of Europe that hold meetings either devoted to Neo-Latin or which contain sessions on Neo-Latin topics. The board of IANLS has long felt that better coordination between these groups is much to be desired.

(c) *The promotion of Neo-Latin in the former Soviet bloc nations and in the Middle and Far East.* Since the break-up of the former Soviet Union there has been a resurgence of interest in Latin

as a discipline in these countries. From the beginning IANLS has had members from Eastern bloc countries. We have received funding from UNESCO that has helped us to invite scholars from Eastern Europe and from the Far East to our meetings, and we would like to strengthen ties with these countries. We would also like to continue the association with UNESCO and with the FILLM.

(d) *Recruitment: the future in Europe, Canada, and the United States.* IANLS is an ageing organization. Its survival depends on its success in recruiting younger members. We would like to consider what measures we might take to bring younger members into the association. As a cross-disciplinary organization we face the problem of seeking members in our respective disciplines.

(e) *The function of the Advisory Board.* The advisory board was instituted by the original statutes of IANLS and was retained in the recent revision of the statutes. The principle behind instituting such a board was to have a board to advise the executive committee. The advisory board has a wider geographical distribution than the executive committee. It is also designed to represent the respective disciplines that make up IANLS: Philosophy, Law, Art, Music, History, Literature, Modern Languages, and so forth. The advisory board meets once every 3 years and is chaired by the vice-president of the organization. The executive committee feels that the advisory board has yet to fulfil its potential as an advisory group. We would like to discuss how we might make the advisory board a more effective part of the organization. When we revised the statutes, we decided unanimously to retain the board as part of the organization. The executive committee also agreed at that time that we must find ways to permit the board to fulfil the purpose for which it was designed.

(f) IANLS has several allied groups that send representatives to our triennial congresses: Neo-Latin organizations from Mexico, Spain, Poland, France, and the United States. In one sense, they share a status similar to the advisory board in that they can give advice to IANLS on matters that concern Neo-Latin studies. But to the extent that they are independent organizations, they have a different relationship to IANLS. We would like to discuss ways to coordinate the activities of these smaller groups with those of the larger organization.

The aim of the expanded meeting envisaged earlier would be to help IANLS function better as an international organization. Our congresses bring together scholars from many nations and from a wide range of disciplines. IANLS attempts to facilitate better understanding between them. It fosters cultural exchange by allowing a cross-section of scholars from the Americas and from Europe and from parts of the third world to meet and to exchange ideas. Neo-Latin Studies are a means to an end. Part of our ultimate aim for IANLS is to foster better international understanding.

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## International Association for Scandinavian Studies (IASS)

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In 1986 Elias Bredsdorff published an early history of the IASS. As this work, *The History of IASS* (Göteborgs universitet, ISBN 91-86270-13-3), graphically illustrates, the history of the IASS is in fact a history of its Study Conferences which preceded the formal establishment of