

‘A magic stronger than the governors’ power’. Literature and Society in the Fourth Century A.D.

A two-day workshop organized by L. Van Hoof (K.U.Leuven) and P. Van Nuffelen (UGent).

Thursday 23 September 2010

Jan Dhondtzaal, Dpt of History, Faculty of Arts, Sint-Pietersnieuwstraat 33-35, Ghent

09.15-09.30 L. Van Hoof: ‘introduction’

Chair: K. Demoen

09.30-10.15: N. McLynn: ‘Gregory and the Governors: Paideia and Patronage in Cappadocia’

10.15-11.00 M. Ludlow: ‘Gregory of Nyssa’s educational strategies’

Coffee break

Chair: C. Miller

11.30-12.15 S. Mratschek, ‘A living relic for the vicar of Rome. Strategies of visualisation in a civil case’

12.15-13.00 B. Lançon: ‘Réflexions sur le rôle des lettrés dans l’entourage des empereurs romains du IV^e siècle’

Lunch

Chair: P. Van Deun

14.30-15.15 B. Salway: ‘The rhetoric of petition and response: Orcistus, the Umbrians, and Constantine’

15.15-16.00 G. Kelly: ‘Dedications to emperors in fourth-century historiography’

Coffee break

Chair: M. Vessey

16.30-17.15 M. Gerth: ‘Macrobius’ Saturnalia and Martianus Capella’s de nuptiis – or, How encyclopedic writing interacts with society’

17.15-18.00 A. Söltenfuss: ‘Ausonius and means of self-representation in his opuscula’

19.30 *conference dinner*

Friday 24 September 2010

Koninklijke Vlaamse Academie, Paleis der Academiën, Hertogsstraat 1, 1000 Brussels

Chair: J. Schamp

10.00-10.45 M. Vessey, 'The Notes of Amphion: Literature, Empire, and Memory in the Speech of Eumenius *pro instaurandis scholis Maenianis* (298)'

10.45-11.30 R. Rees: 'Pacatus' Panegyric to Theodosius (389CE) and the use of text in the creation of communal memory'

coffee break

12.00-12.45 R. Dijkstra: 'The apostles as instruments of societal engagement'

lunch

Chair: tbc

14.00-14.45 P.-L. Malosse: 'Le pouvoir des *logoi* dans la cité et l'empire. Remarques sur quelques discours de Libanios'

14.45-15.30 C. Coombe: 'A hero in our midst: Stilicho as a literary construct in the poetry of Claudian'

15.30-16.15 J. Weisweiler: 'Anxieties of Ambition: Symmachus on Aristocratic Competition in Fourth-Century Rome'

16.15-16.30 Conclusions

Scientific committee: M. Broze (VUB), B. Coulie (UCL), M. De Groote (UGent), K. Demoen (UGent), G. Partoens (K.U.Leuven), J. Schamp (Université de Fribourg), S. Schorn (K.U.Leuven), P. Van Deun (K.U.Leuven), W. Verbaal (UGent).

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