NOTES AND QUERIES

DEMOCRACY CONFERENCE: UPDATE

We are still planning to hold a conference in late May, 1998, in Wroclaw, Poland, on the topic of Democracy and the Post-Totalitarian Experience. However, to date we have been unable to get a grant for this meeting and American participants will probably have to seek their own funding. (There is still the possibility of a grant for participants from Eastern Europe.) A limited number of participants are likely to receive grants if they apply to IREX, and further information about this and other possibilities for individual funding will be published in a subsequent issue of this Newsletter. Applications to IREX require an invitation from our Polish host, and these will be available.

The program will be limited to approximately twenty papers, no more than ten of these by Americans. Since many more than this have already expressed interest in participating, all submissions will be subject to blind review. We expect to have ten plenary sessions over three days, with no concurrent sessions. To allow time for discussion, papers should be no more than twelve pages long. For additional information (and to submit papers for review), contact one of the organizers. Americans should contact Beth J. Singer (362 Peninsula Boulevard, Lynbrook, NY 11563-3110, U.S.A.) after June 1, 1997; Polish and other Eastern European candidates contact Leszek Koczanowicz (University of Wroclaw, Institute of Philosophy, pl. Teatralny 8, 50-051 Wroclaw, Poland). The deadline for submission of papers will also be stated in a later issue of this Newsletter.

SUMMER INSTITUTE, JULY 1998

"The Texts of American Philosophy"
The Center for Dewey Studies, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, and the Department of Philosophy at the University of Vermont are pleased to announce that the First Annual Summer Institute, The Texts of American Philosophy, will be held in Burlington, Vermont, July 22 to 28, 1998.

The program will feature a series of seven seminars, each conducted over a two-day period by an internationally recognized scholar. Each seminar will focus on the key texts of one of these American philosophers.

Jonathan Edwards: John E. Smith (Yale University)
Charles S. Peirce: Vincent M. Colapietro (Penn State University)
William James: Charlene Haddock Seigfried (Purdue University)
Josiah Royce: Frank Oppenheim (Xavier University)
John Dewey: John J. McDermott (Texas A&M University)
George Herbert Mead: Sandra B. Rosenthal (Loyola University)
George Santayana: John Lachs (Vanderbilt University)

Information about registration, accommodations, and additional presentations and events will be published in the SAAP Newsletter as it becomes available. For attendees on a budget, specially priced housing will be available. To join the mailing list, please contact: Larry Hickman, Center for Dewey Studies, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-6822. Tel.: 618.453.2629 FAX: 618.453.1733. To join the email recipient list, send your request to <Lhickman@siu.edu>. Information will also be available on the Dewey Center Website, at <http://www.siu.edu/~deweyctr>.

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CRITICAL EDITION UPDATE

Based on the enthusiastic response to a well received panel discussion on current critical edition projects concerned with American philosophers (at the March 1997 SAAP meeting), beginning with the October number, the SAAP Newsletter will publish an annual update of the following ongoing and proposed projects:

C. S. Peirce—Nathan Houser
William James (letters)—John J. McDermott
H. D. Thoreau—Elizabeth Witherell
George Santayana--Herman Saatkamp
Alain Locke--Leonard Harris
Josiah Royce--Frank Oppenheim
John Dewey--Larry Hickman

Any other ongoing or proposed projects? Please contact the Newsletter editor.

VISITING PROFESSOR INQUIRY

Prof. Igor Siderov, Philosophy Department St. Petersburg is interested in a visiting appointment for the 1997-1998 academic year. Prof. Siderov is known to many SAAP members; indeed he lists several SAAP luminaries--John Stuhr, Sandra Rosenthal and Peter Hare--as references.

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