

Call for papers

18th NeoLatina 2016

Freiburg i.Br., 17–18 June 2016

Neo-Latin Metre

Scholarship so far has rarely taken notice of the various metrical innovations and experiments in the theory and practice of Latin poets from ca. 1400 to 1800. Contrary to common belief, Latin poets of this time did not always follow classical metrical standards. From the invention of new feet, metres, lines and stanzas (e.g. in Pindarism) to the adaptation of stress accent and vernacular metre (e.g. in Mario Bettini or late Catholic school drama) to the large field of irregular, expressive and free verse (e.g. in Julius Caesar Scaliger and the ‘literary inscriptions’) there are many phenomena which have been seen and touched on now and there but which have never been collected and comparatively discussed. No doubt a number of related phenomena have also gone completely unnoticed. The NeoLatina conference 2016 and the planned edited volume based on it intend to explore the field and trace the outlines of genuinely Neo-Latin metrics for the first time.

Registration: Suggestions for papers should contain a working title and a short abstract of ca. 100 words. Please submit your suggestions by 31 December 2015 via email to stefan.tilg@altphil.uni-freiburg.de. For participation without a paper no registration is needed.

Travel: Since we start on Friday morning at ca. 9 am, early arrival on Thursday might be advisable for those who come from further afield. Rooms will be booked by the organizers, unless otherwise requested. We shall contact you with all details after the end of the submission period. We aim to refund travel and accommodation costs if they are not refundable at your home institution.

Place: Library of the Seminar für Griechische und Lateinische Philologie of Freiburg University.

Format: Papers of 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion. Papers can be given in German, English, French, Italian and Latin.

The NeoLatina conferences are devoted to Neo-Latin authors and topics. They were founded in 1999 by Eckard Lefèvre and Eckart Schäfer under the title of ‘Freiburger Neulateinisches Symposion’. Since then, they have taken place every year and have become an institution in the Neo-Latin world. As the event has recently been organized more often outside Freiburg, its name changed in 2013 to ‘NeoLatina’, inspired by the NeoLatina book series of the Gunter Narr publishing house in which the edited volumes of the conference papers appear. Currently, the NeoLatina conferences are organized in turn by Thomas Baier, Wolfgang Kofler and Stefan Tilg.