

Dear friends of the Classical Association of Scotland,

I hope that you will not mind me addressing you in a rather impersonal fashion, but I thought it would save a lot of time if I, as Honorary Secretary of the Classical Association of Scotland (= CAS), communicated to all of you the news about recent activities of the CAS, and some CAS-related dates for your diaries.

After last summer's very successful CAS Annual Conference (on "The Hellenistic and Early Imperial Reception of Classical Athenian Democracy and Political Thought"), which was organised by Ben Gray and Mirko Canevaro, and was held at the School of History, Classics and Archaeology, in the University of Edinburgh, on 21 and 22 June 2013, the CAS has co-sponsored two heavily subscribed and equally successful events:

-- the Scottish Classics Postgraduate Conference, which was held at the University of Edinburgh, 19-20 February 2014. This was a very popular conference, and you can see details of the programme and abstracts at <http://stage2014.weebly.com> Congratulations to the speakers and to the members of the SCPC 2014 organising committee for putting on such a great event; and

-- the CICERO (= CERTAMEN IN CONCORDIAM EUROPAE REGIONUMQUE ORBIS) Competition, which in March 2014 was held at George Heriot's School in Edinburgh. The CAS sponsorship helped a competition run whereby Scottish school pupils were able to show off their abilities in translating and researching Classical topics through winning several prizes on a UK wide basis (see the 2013 section of www.ciceroconcordia.com).

But there is more exciting news to come:

-- The CAS is sponsoring a wine reception at the forthcoming Celtic Conference in Classics (Edinburgh, 25-28 June 2014), which is held in association with the CAS. The publicity for the conference is now live. Please see <http://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/history-classics-archaeology/news-events/events/celtic-classics-214> More importantly, the CAS is offering the opportunity to all CAS members to receive a £15 discount off their booking (thus recouping their subscription and more). If you have not yet renewed your subscription with the CAS for session 2013-2014, and you would like to do so now and take advantage of a very generous discount at the forthcoming Celtic Conference in Classics, please contact the CAS Treasurer, Professor Matthew Dickie, at theurgy@uic.edu (for the postal address please see the newly revised web-page of the CAS: <http://cas.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/office-bearers>) The subscription continues to be only £5, and your support will go a long way.

-- The next big CAS Conference is provisionally scheduled to take place in St Andrews in June 2015, but do not forget also the next Joint Meeting of the Classical Association and the Classical Association of Scotland! It was last held in Glasgow at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in April 2009. It will next take place in Edinburgh in the spring of 2016.

If you know of friends and colleagues in your work environment who might be interested in joining the CAS and/or in being added to my email circulation list, please draw this website to their attention and ask them to drop me a line at costas.panayotakis@glasgow.ac.uk

With all best wishes,

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