

# ABA Boccaccio Newsletter

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--Interim vice-president to be appointed--  
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The regional representatives are appointed by the president. They are responsible for organizing meetings in their respective areas and also for gathering and forwarding material for the ABA Newsletter to the editors.

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## NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was not without some hesitation that I accepted the post of President of our association following the four years of Elissa Weaver's most effective leadership.

On behalf of all members I express to her our gratitude for all the time and energy she has devoted to the Association. I only hope to be able to maintain during the next two years, the momentum set by her. In any case it is reassuring for all of us to know that she will continue to take care of the Lecturae Boccaccii, at least up to the end of the First Day.

Our association is fortunate in being able to count on so many distinguished American Boccaccio scholars. Because of their presence among us, we have been able to enlist the generous help of Vittore Branca. To his cooperation with American scholars we owe the Boccaccio Visualizzato project, and I expect to announce shortly another initiative due to a similar cooperation.

Pamela Stewart, McGill U., President, ABA

MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
Chicago, 27-30 December 1985

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ABA:

The 1985 Meeting of the American Boccaccio Association was called to order on December 29th, at 10:30 in the Chicago Marriott Hotel by the president, Elissa Weaver. The business began with the approval of the minutes of the 1985 meeting, which were published in the Spring 1985 ABA Newsletter. In the absence of the Secretary-treasurer the president reported an approximate balance of \$400.

The on-going Lectura Boccaccii series was the principal item of business. It was announced with regret that the Lectura, scheduled in conjunction with the Chicago MLA Convention and which was to have been given by Marga Cottino-Jones of UCLA, had been cancelled since Professor Cottino-Jones was in Italy and unable to return for the occasion. The next two lecturae were announced: Michelangelo Picone, McGill U., Decameron I,7, AAIS, Toronto, April 11, 1986 and Ronald Martinez, U. of Minnesota, Decameron I,4, International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 10, 1986. The president announced that she had begun to discuss the publication of the series with the University of Chicago Press, but that she could go no further with the discussions until she had more texts to show them. At present only the lecturae of Professors Hollander and Fido have been submitted.

The important new business was the announcement of the election of Pamela Stewart of McGill University to the office of president of the ABA for a two-year term beginning immediately following the annual meeting. The retiring president thanked the members of the ABA for the help they had given her during her two terms and especially for their contributions to the formulation of new ABA programs and their active and enthusiastic participation in the regular activities of the association.

It was suggested that the ABA By-Laws will need some revising, given changes that have taken place in the organization in recent years. There was no discussion of this matter during the meeting, but several members made suggestions to the president afterward; these suggestions would be passed on to the new President.

The calls for papers (Chicago MMLA and New York MLA), which had been published in the Fall 1985 Newsletter, were repeated. We thanked the Dante Society for inviting the ABA to their reception. Another such joint party will be considered for the New York MLA Convention. The president announced a dinner party for all ABA members and friends at her home that evening and the business meeting was adjourned.

Following the business meeting the scheduled program was held:

1. "Boccaccio, Dioneo, and matta bestialità," Michael Sherberg, Washington Univ.
2. "Reflections on the 'Arabic' World: Boccaccio's Ninth Stories," Victoria Kirkham and María Menocal, Univ. of Pennsylvania
3. "Boccaccio's Theory of the Volgare," Angelo Mazzocco, Mt. Holyoke Coll. (The title of this paper was changed to "Dante and Boccaccio on the Volgare")

Minutes taken in the absence of the Secretary-treasurer and submitted by Elissa Weaver.

#### TREASURER'S UPDATE

As of April 25, 1986 we have \$380.29 in the ABA treasury.

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### BOCCACCIO ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### RECENT CONFERENCES

AAIS, Toronto, April 11-13:

##### LECTURA BOCCACCII

Decameron I,7, Michelangelo Picone, McGill University.

BOCCACCIO SESSION, Elissa Weaver, U. of Chicago, presiding

"The Fall and Rise of Andreuccio," Lawrence Baldassarro, U. of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

"Ancora su Zima (Dec. III,5)" Pier Massimo Forni, Johns Hopkins

"Fiammetta: A 14th-century Voice of the Psyche," Mariangela Causa-Steindler, Colorado College

OTHER:

"Boccaccio and Gynecology in the Decameron," Elizabeth Welles, SUNY, Albany.

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LECTURA BOCCACCII

Decameron I,4, Ronald Martinez, U. of Minnesota

OTHER BOCCACCIO PAPERS:

Boccaccio and Chaucer, presiding James C. Addison Jr., Western Carolina U.

"Portrait of a Lady: From Boccaccio's Creseida to Chaucer's Criseyde," Devra L. Kunin, Boston U.

"The Nobility of Theseus in the Teseida and The Knight's Tale," David Hadaller, Washington State U.

"Chaucer Reading Boccaccio: Crosscurrents of Anti-Feminism," Elizabeth P. Armstrong, U. of Cincinnati

Respondent: Thomas Hamel, St. Olaf College

Boccaccio, presiding William Stephany, U. of Vermont

"Boccaccio, Baptismal Kinship, and Spiritual Incest," Louis Haas, U. of Illinois, Urbana

"Body Imagery, Disease, and Science in Boccaccio's Elegia di madonna Fiammetta," Christine A. Peterson, Tucson, AZ

Boccaccio and Dante, presiding Janet Smarr, U. of Illinois, Urbana

"The Poet as Peacock: What Dante's Mother Dreamt in Boccaccio's Trattatello," Victoria Kirkham, U. of Pennsylvania

"Una rete di dantismi nel prologo alla Quarta Giornata del Decameron," H. Wayne Storey, U. of Virginia

"Boccaccio's Golden Roof: Dante in Decameron X," Ronald Martinez, U. of Minnesota

And other:

"Griselda Illustrated," Judith Bronfman, John Jay College of Criminal Justice-CUNY

## CURRENT ACTIVITIES

### LECTURA BOCCACCII 1986

The ABA will sponsor the following lectura in 1986.

MLA, New York, December 27-30

Decameron I,5 by Dante Della Terza, Harvard U.

## FUTURE CONFERENCES

LEARNED SOCIETIES CONFERENCE 1986, U. of Manitoba, Winnipeg,  
May 28-31, 1986

"La nutrice: un carattere stoico nella Fiammetta," Enrico  
Vicentini, U. of Toronto

"Considerations on the Sources of the ninth tale, Day VI, in  
Boccaccio's Decameron: G. Cavalcanti and Ibn 'Arabi,"  
Gabriele Erasmi, McMaster U.

MMLA, Chicago November 6-8

Boccaccio Session, presiding Elissa Weaver

"Translating the Decameron", Christopher Kleinhenz, U. of  
Wisconsin, Madison, discussant Michael Sherberg, Washington U.

"The Art of Fiction in the Decameron, Ian Duncan, Yale U,  
discussant Sylvia Huot, Northern Illinois U.

"The Pharmakon of Rossillion: Is All's Well in the Decameron  
(III, 9)?", Charles Ross, Purdue U., discussant Albert  
Ascoli, Northwestern U.

"Filostrato as a Response to the Vita nuova," Thomas  
Stillinger, U. of Chicago, discussant Alan Hager, Loyola U.  
of Chicago.

MLA, New York, December 27-31

Annual Meeting of the ABA, presiding Pamela Stewart

"Thomas Stoddard's Illustrations to Boccaccio's Decameron,  
1825," Marcia Allentuck, CUNY and Graduate Center

"Decameron II,9: Zinevra and the Cantari Tradition," Maria  
Predelli, U. of Montreal

"Dioneo's Challenge and the Shape of the Decameron," Wayne  
Rebhorn, U. of Texas, Austin




## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DUES REMINDER

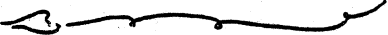
Just a reminder to those of you who have not yet paid 1986 dues (\$5 regular member/ \$15 sustaining member). Please send your check (U.S. funds please Canadian members) or money order together with your name and mailing address. A convenient form is provided on the last page of the Newsletter.

Now that the ABA sponsors three yearly Lecturae, followed by receptions for the participants, our expenses have more than doubled. We ask those of you who can and who are pleased with our new activities to support the projects financially by becoming sustaining members.



CORRECTION OF FALL 1985 ABA NEWSLETTER, section "Contributions to the Bibliography Submitted by ABA Members. Articles:" In an entry submitted by Pier Massimo Forni authorship of the article was incorrectly attributed to him by the Newsletter editors. It should read as follows:

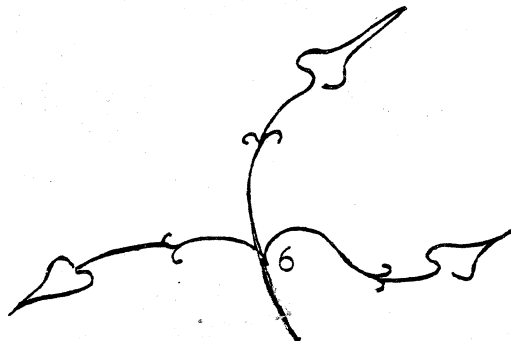
CHIAPPELLI, FREDI, "Note su un'immagine e su un motivo del Boccaccio nel Tasso," in Fredi Chiappelli, Il legame mosaico, Pier Massimo Forni, ed., with the collaboration of Giorgio Cavallini (Rome: Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura, 1984).



### CALL FOR PAPERS

AAIS, Annual Conference, Spring 1987, Duquesne U., Pittsburgh. Organizer: Carla Lucente. BOCCACCIO SESSION. Abstracts to Pamela Stewart, Department of Italian, McGill U., 1001 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, PQ, Canada H3A 1G5.

RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA, National Conference, March 12-14, 1987, Arizona State U. SEE ATTACHED ANNOUNCEMENT.



# CALL FOR PAPERS

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## National Conference RENAISSANCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Hosted by

ARIZONA CENTER FOR MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES

at

Arizona State University  
Tempe, Arizona

March 12-14, 1987

Possible topics include:

- Methodology: New Directions Across the Disciplines
- Periodization: Geographical and Temporal
- The Patronage System
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1986

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NOTA BENE:

\*Professor Kleinhenz, the editor of the BOCCACCIO BIBLIOGRAPHY that appears annually in the Fall ABA Newsletter, would appreciate any special information you might have on publications that he could integrate with his own findings.

