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"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S TIMELY"

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FROM THE EDITOR

As many of you may have noticed the Newsletter has a new editor and a new format. If you are pleased with the latter, it will be pleasing to the former. (Couldn't resist that slight bow to "Beginnings and Endings.") The Newsletter is intended to be an in-house organ, facilitating communication among the members of the International Society for the Study of Time. Your editor is happy to be of service in this regard. Of course, the editor reserves the right to edit or refuse items submitted if they are not in keeping with the intentions of publication. Publication of articles and manuscripts is beyond the scope of this newsletter's resources or intentions. I hope that you received your copy of the Newsletter without any difficulty and that I will be hearing from many of you in the near future.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD

Although greetings can't be addressed directly to a newsletter, as such, one can say thanks to its editor, Sharon Schwarze, for launching this admirable enterprise, and, through her, send presidential greetings to all members, especially to those who attended our 1979 conference at Alpbach, where I had the good fortune to get to know many of them better than I had in the past. While looking at the photograph of the members that was taken at Alpbach, I was led to reflect on one of the blessings enjoyed by our Association: its size. This sense of satisfaction was enhanced for me in late December when I attended another conference, held in San Francisco, that of the Modern Language Association. At this other conference, during a three day period, some ten thousand professors of English and foreign literatures milled round in a number of skyscraper hotels and sat in on a selection of the hundreds of papers being offered (one of the sessions, by the way, was devoted to the topic of Time in Modern Literature). Organizations on such a vast scale as the Modern Language Association have their own uses, no doubt, but we are lucky not to have tried to emulate them. Our organization is, praise be, manageable numerically. Nevertheless, though our numbers be relatively small, we are widely scattered geographically, from Tokyo to Vienna, and even in North America we are extensively spread over its vast spaces. Under these circumstances a Newsletter ought to meet a real need for our Association, keeping us in touch with each other in the long intervals of time (an indispensable noun) between our conferences. Let us hope that its readership will constitute what John Milton sought for his epic, Paradise Lost: "fit audience though few."

George Ford
(Rochester, New York)

THE FOUNDER'S COLUMN

The purpose of this column is to provide a measure of continuity in the Newsletter, on a level detached from technical issues.

To secure continuity, life invented reproduction, the mind invented ideas. We deal with ideas and celebrate people who know how to create and critically examine them. One such man, Professor Georges Schaltenbrand died last November at the age of eighty-four. He was the dean of German neurology and a man of much distinction. In 1966, together with Professors Whitrow and Watanabe, he partook in the discussions which led to the founding of this Society and has supported our work ever since. Except for our meeting in Japan, he came to all our conferences, carrying his message of knowledge, understanding and wisdom. The announcement of his death, sent out by his family, included the following quotation from T. S. Eliot's "Burnt Norton."

Or say that the end precedes the beginning,
And the end and the beginning were always there
Before the beginning and after the end.
And all is always now.

It would be most appropriate for us to dedicate The Study of Time IV to the memory of Georges Schaltenbrand.

J. T. Fraser

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

The President has called a meeting of the Council for the Sixth of April. The main item on the agenda will be suggested plans for the Fifth Conference, as gathered and summarized by the Evaluation Committee. Deadline for the return of questionnaires to the Committee's Chairman, Professor Barry Glassner, was the first of March, 1980.

All papers submitted for possible inclusion in The Study of Time IV are being refereed by two independent readers. By mid-February over one-half of the referee reports have been received. Meanwhile, the editors have come under strong pressure by the publisher to limit the length of Time IV to 100,000 words -- which is less than one-half the average length of the prior volumes -- and to include only papers which deal with some aspects of the beginning-and-ending theme of the conference. The volume would then acquire a subtitle reflecting that theme. An editorial meeting was held on November 8th, 1979. The next one is scheduled for the fifth of April, 1980.

Two small items. One is that ISST is now listed in the Encyclopedia of Associations (15th edition) and in the Yearbooks of the Union of International Associations. The second is that by mid-February we have received about a dozen applications for Corresponding Membership. Application forms are available from our Membership Chairman, Professor Sam Macey.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand as of January 8, 1979: \$ 390.29

1979 Receipts:

1979 dues (74 @ 20.00)	\$ 1,480.00	
Contributions (16)	917.05	
1977/1978 dues (11)	220.00	
1980 dues (2 full, 1 partial)	45.00	
Conference fees (56 @ 25.00, 2 partial)	1,420.00	
Bus transportation (47 @ 10.00)	470.00	
	\$ 4,552.05	\$ 4,552.05
		\$ 4,942.34

1979 Disbursements:

I. Conference expenses--

Bus transportation	\$ 400.00	
Kongresshaus rental	1,356.77	
Returned checks, refunds	58.05	
Misc.	107.70	
	\$ 1,922.52	

II. Operating expenses--

Postage	\$ 384.13	
Supplies	287.04	
Telephone, telegraph	103.15	
Transportation, meetings	202.82	
Photocopying	118.00	
P.O. box rental	20.00	
Bank account expense	14.81	
Refunds	20.00	
	\$ 1,149.95	

III. Repayment of loan \$ 1,400.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 4,472.47 \$ 4,472.47

Cash on hand as of January 5, 1980 \$ 469.87

\$ 4,942.34

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER: It is a pleasure to greet members with a happier report than any previous one during my tenure as treasurer. All the Society's outstanding debts are paid, and we have a modest operating balance; our membership is now up to 88, and we hope that fees from new Corresponding Members will help to offset what are certain to be heavy editorial expenses for the production of The Study of Time IV.

Members who have not yet paid their 1980 dues are asked to remit U.S. \$ 25.00 (or the equivalent in foreign currency) to:

Lewis Rowell, 2538 Buttonwood Lane
Bloomington, IN 47401, U.S.A.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MATERIALS

The purpose of this column is to report the publication of time-related books and articles written by members and corresponding members of the Society. It is not intended to be a general time-related bibliography, for such a bibliography would have to include a few thousand entries per year.

If you wish your time-related publications to be listed in this column of the next issue of the Newsletter, prepare an appropriate bibliography and mail it to Dr. Fraser's office by the 30th of September, 1980. Use a format acceptable to the professional journals in your field of specialization. You may include all items published after January, 1966, the date of the founding of the Society. This is an arbitrary cut-off date, but not an unreasonable one.

In subsequent issues of the Newsletter we plan to add the works of new members and corresponding members and keep the list up to date.

NEWS OF MEMBERS' TIME-RELATED ACTIVITIES

This column consists of a report on time-related courses, seminars and workshops in which members or corresponding members have participated personally and of invited lectures which they have given, on themes related to the study of time.

It would benefit all of us if the next issue of the Newsletter could carry a list of such events since January, 1966. If you have taught courses, conducted seminars or workshops or given an invited lecture, please list this information and send the list to Dr. Fraser's office. Give title, date, place and whatever other details you judge useful. In subsequent issues we plan to continue this list to keep the column up to date.

Members and corresponding members may also use this column to announce time-related meetings which they plan to organize for geographically limited areas or for special interests. Please send brief announcements to Dr. Fraser.

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