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Fourteenth Hume Conference and IPSE Events

The Fourteenth Hume Conference will be held at the University of Edinburgh, August 25-30, 1986. The International Project Scottish Enlightenment (IPSE) has devoted 1986 to an examination of the varied cultural achievements of the Scottish Enlightenment. IPSE has organized a number of conferences on the Scottish Enlightenment to overlap with the meetings of the Hume Society. Together these include some 400 delegates, all of whom will be staying at the Pollock Halls of Residence. The Conferences are: the Conference for the study of Political Thought; the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies; and the International Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science. In addition to these events, the 40th Edinburgh International festival will feature the Scottish Enlightenment as the main theme in 1986, and will sponsor a number of events that may be of interest to Hume Society members.

Exhibitions

There will be two major exhibitions in August. The Talbot Rice Art Center will present *The Golden Age of Scottish Painting 1730-1830*. The National Museums of Scotland will stage an exhibition in the Galleries of the Royal Scottish Academy under the title *The Enterprising Scot*. It aims to demonstrate the breadth of Scottish achievements from times before the Enlightenment until the present day.

The Royal Botanic Gardens plans to mount an exhibition on the great botanist of the period, John Hope; The University Library plans to display material on William Robertson, Principal of the University and a major figure of the period. It is likely that there will be other exhibitions in the city to mark the widespread celebration of the Scottish Enlightenment which has developed as a result of IPSE.

Concerts

Three concerts will be presented in St. Cecilia's Hall, organized by Dr. David Johnson, who is

well known for his authoritative studies and recreations of the times. The concerts will be devoted to late eighteenth-century music, and to music played in the Hall itself in its early years after opening in 1762.

Hume Drama

Of special interest is the drama, *Conversations at Mr. Hume's*, an adaptation for performance of *Hume's Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*, written and directed by Dr. Roger Savage. It is hoped that some well known Scottish actors will be available to take part in these late night performances. The drama will be presented in the University's Theater Workshop in Hill Place. As Peter Jones relates, dramatized readings from Hume's *Dialogues* were presented with great success in the early 1960s in the then Paperback Bookshop, and in the Canongate Kirk Hall. This new production should be an even greater success.

Accommodation and Cost of the Conference

Accommodation and meals (except for the Banquet) are provided in the Pollock Halls of Edinburgh University. Please note that all rooms in the Pollock Halls are **single**. The total cost of the conference is £300 sterling, no more than the cost of the Hume Conference in Iceland. This includes room for five nights (August 25-29); breakfast, lunch, and dinner (beginning with dinner on the 25th and ending with lunch on the 30th; morning and afternoon coffee; Banquet on the evening of the 26th; two receptions with free bar; the drama, *Conversations at Mr. Hume's*; recreation of music given in the opening year of St. Cecilia's Hall, 1762; Exhibition Catalogue of IPSE and Edinburgh Festival Events; Conference fee (including rent of conference rooms, equipment, bus travel, and assistance).

For those who do not wish to stay in the Pollock Halls the cost of the conference is £150 sterling. This includes all of the above except room, breakfast, and dinner. It should be pointed out, however, that accommodation in Edinburgh

during the time of the Hume Conference will be extremely difficult to obtain. The Commonwealth Games overlap with the Edinburgh Festival and many hotels in and around Edinburgh are already booked! Anticipating this, 200 rooms in the University's Pollock Halls were booked four years in advance. Rooms for those not participating in the conference are available on a first come, first served basis. The 200 rooms can be held until sometime in February. Consequently, to reserve a room, a non-returnable deposit of £50 sterling is required by **February 1**. The remainder of the Conference fee is due **June 1**. (See reservation form below.) After February 1, accommodation in the Pollock Halls will be extremely unlikely.

Checks should be in British pounds and payable to "IPSE Account." Send payment to Professor Peter Jones, Institute for Advanced Studies, 17 Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh EH8 9LN, Great Britain. All inquiries concerning accommodation or local arrangements should be sent to Professor Jones at the above address.

Those who wish accommodation outside the Pollock Halls should write: The City of Edinburgh Tourist Accommodation Service, Waverly Market, 3 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2QP, Great Britain (Tel. 031-557-2727, Telex: 727143). Those interested in attending Edinburgh Festival events can obtain programs and booking forms by writing: Edinburgh Festival Society Ltd., 21 Market St., Edinburgh EH1 1BW, Great Britain, (Tel. 031-226-4001).

Travel

The Society has obtained a reduced airfare on British Airways for members attending the Hume Conference. In addition we will receive a free flight for every thirty flights booked for any period of time that overlaps with the period of the Conference. The "free flight" will be sold to members of the Society at the same rate and the money deposited in the Society's treasury. The lowest possible fare can be obtained by booking a flight that leaves and returns on any combination of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Flights must be booked and ticketed at least twenty-one days from date of departure from the U.S. or Canada. Any changes incur a 10% cancellation fee.

Since this program benefits everyone and may greatly improve the Society's finances, all members are urged to participate. Bookings must be made through Corporate Travel International, Group Department, 3867 Roswell Road, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30342 (1-800-2412324). Individuals

Atlanta, GA 30342 (1-800-241-2324). Individuals should identify themselves as Hume Society members attending the Hume Conference in Edinburgh to insure that credit for the "free flights" will be given to the Society. **Credit will not be given if booking is made directly through British Airways.**

Chairs and Commentators

Those who wish to participate in the Conference as a commentator or chair of a session should inform the secretary immediately (see address under "1986 Dues" below). Please specify the areas you would like to comment upon. Those who have already expressed a wish to serve as a commentator or chair of a session should write to confirm their intention.

Hume Society Dues and Receipt of "Hume Studies"

Membership in the Hume Society is \$10.00 (U.S.) a year. This includes receipt of *The Bulletin of the Hume Society* and a year's subscription to *Hume Studies*. In order to simplify bookkeeping, the following schedule of payment has been established for receipt of *Hume Studies*. Payment may be received for a given year's subscription by the end of January or by the end of June. Members paying by either of these times will receive that year's subscription to *Hume Studies*. Payments received after the end of June will be credited as a subscription to next year's issue. Back issues can be obtained by writing the editor of *Hume Studies*, Professor John W. Davis, Department of Philosophy, the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, N6A 3K7.

1986 Dues

Hume Society dues for **1986 (\$10.00 U.S.)** are payable now. The financial situation of the Hume Society has never been a happy one. To avoid the added expense of mailing reminders, payment of dues should be received before **January 15, 1986**. Your cooperation in this request will be greatly appreciated.

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