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## 1978 Meeting of the Society

The Seventh Hume Conference took place September 15-18, 1978, in Banff near Calgary in Canada. The Conference was attended by over forty persons. The highlights of the Program were an opening presentation by Richard Popkin and a closing presentation by Barry Stroud. Because of the very early date of this year's Conference, the Program could not be distributed through the **Bulletin of the Hume Society** in time to allow persons who might wish to attend to make the necessary plans. For this reason invitations to the Conference, with copies of the Program enclosed, were sent by first-class mail to members and friends of the Society. (The Program appears on page 3 of this issue of the **Bulletin**.)

In addition to the schedule of Conference presentations, participants were afforded free time on Saturday and on Sunday to explore the mountain village of Banff, to enjoy the hot springs, to climb the nearby peaks, or to travel by bus to Lake Louise. The early Autumn weather was delightful and the sights breathtaking. At the end of the Conference, the participants expressed special thanks to Professor Penelhum for his work as Local Arrangements Chairman, and those who had traveled even the greatest distance to attend felt that the site alone amply rewarded the effort.

At the business meeting the Society voted to establish student membership dues at half the regular membership rate, viz. \$5.00 per biennium. The Treasurer's Report indicated that the Society may anticipate a concluding balance of approximately \$200 for the 1976-1978 biennium. The Secretary-Treasurer also announced that because of irregularities and delays in processing exchanges in currencies, the Hume Society would follow the lead of several other scholarly organizations based in the United States and ask that dues payment and other financial transactions be made payable in U.S. currency. There

was also discussion of whether future programs should include commentators, as opposed to additional papers. It was decided that the decision on this question would be left to the 1979 Program Committee.

In election to vacancies on the Executive Committee, John Davis (Western Ontario) and Pheroze Wadia (Rutgers) were elected to two year terms. The ongoing members of the Executive Committee are Jude Dougherty (Catholic University), James King (Northern Illinois), Fred Wilson (Toronto), and Nicholas Capaldi (Queens College), who is Chairman of the Committee. Professor Capaldi named Donald Livingston to the vacant appointed position on the Committee, and asked Professor Davis and Professor Ardal (Queens University) to serve on the Program Committee for the Eighth Hume Conference (with one additional member of this Committee to be named after the site for the meeting has been selected).

## Membership and Dues

Membership in the Hume Society is achieved by writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and enclosing a check payable in U.S. currency for the biennial dues—\$10.00 for the 1978-1980 biennium (\$5.00 for student membership).

Ordinarily dues are paid at the beginning of the biennium—for instance, dues for the new biennium are now payable. Accordingly, persons who paid 1976-78 dues late (e.g., someone who joined the Society in June, 1978) should not find it irregular to be billed for a second dues payment during the same calendar year, since the biennium begins with the Fall meeting of the Society.

Dues and correspondence may be sent to: James King, Secretary-Treasurer, The Hume Society, Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

## Prospects for an International Meeting

Given the considerable disappointment expressed at the cancellation of the projected international meeting in Bologna for 1979, the Secretary of the Society raised the question at the 1978 business meeting whether it would be worthwhile to explore the possibility of scheduling an Extraordinary Meeting of the Society in Italy in conjunction with the Fifth International Congress of the Enlightenment (scheduled for August in Pisa). In discussion the observation was offered that an Extraordinary Meeting would not be confused with the annual meeting of the Society (which has traditionally been referred to as one in the series of **Hume Conferences**). Thus, it was understood that, if an Extraordinary Meeting is held in Pisa in 1979, it will be one of two meetings sponsored by the Society, the other being the **Eighth Hume Conference**, which will be the annual meeting of the Society.

With encouragement by the membership and authorization from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Secretary has contacted Professor Beatrice Fink (University of Maryland), Associate Secretary of the International Congress, and with her assistance, has formally requested of the Organizing Committee of the Congress, chaired by Professor Matucci of Florence, that a time and place be set aside at the Pisa meeting for a gathering of English-speaking and Italian-speaking Hume scholars. While awaiting a response from Professor Matucci, the Secretary has informally begun to put together a Program Committee for the Extraordinary Meeting. Persons interested in participating in such a meeting, including, of course, persons who planned independently to participate in the Congress, are invited to contact the Secretary of the Hume Society. Information about further efforts to hold an international meeting in 1979 will be conveyed to the membership of the Society as it becomes available.

## Location of the 1979 Meeting of the Society

At the business meeting of the 1976 meeting of the Hume Society, it was decided that the 1979 meeting would be held in Italy, and preferably in Bologna. In

correspondence lately received, Donald Livingston (a member of the Executive Committee of the Society), who has been on sabbatical in Italy, advises that a meeting in Bologna cannot be arranged for 1979.

When this information was communicated to the Society at the Seventh Hume Conference, great disappointment was expressed at the cancellation of the anticipated international meeting. It was nonetheless agreed that the Eighth Hume Conference would be held on the North American continent, and the consensus of opinion inclined toward preferring a site in the eastern half of the United States. Although several suggestions were adduced at the meeting (e.g., New Brunswick, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C.), it was decided that information would be broadcast through the **Bulletin of the Hume Society** that the Executive Committee would welcome invitations from institutions which would care to host the Eighth Hume Conference in October or November of 1979. In this regard correspondence may be directed to the Secretary of the Hume Society, who will be pleased to furnish any additional information. The Executive Committee stated that it hopes to have settled on a site for the 1979 meeting around the time of the Eastern Division meetings of the American Philosophical Association.

## Hobbes Tercentenary

In commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of Hobbes' death, special meetings will be held at the University of Colorado beginning August 6, 1979, co-sponsored by the University and the Society for the Study of the History of Philosophy. The meetings will comprise major addresses and symposia involving internationally noted scholars, as well as a number of sessions of invited and submitted papers.

Papers devoted to any aspect of Hobbes' life or work may be submitted in triplicate before January 1, 1979. Versions to be read should not exceed 30 minutes, although papers up to journal length may be submitted and included in proposed publications. Commentators and moderators will be chosen thereafter.

Submissions and inquiries should be addressed to: Hobbes Tercentenary Congress, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309.

## Publications of Interest

Papers from the Arizona Hume Symposium were published in **Philosophical Studies** (vol. 33, nos. 1 and 2). Authors included in these two issues are: Wesley Salmon, Ian Hacking, Barry Stroud, L. J. O'Neill, Jeffrie Murphy, A. D. Woozley, Lawrence Scaff, Peter Jones, Henning Jensen, Nancy Cartwright, David Sanford and John Earman.

**La philosophie empiriste de David Hume** (1976) by Michael Malherbe is available from J. Vrin, Paris.

A flyer from Hackett Publishing Company of Indianapolis includes the 1976 publication of the Hicks Lecture given by David Pears, entitled, **The Naturalism of Book I of Hume's Treatise of Human Nature**.

**Hume's Philosophy of Religion** (1978) by J. C. A. Gaskin is available in London from Macmillan and in New York from Harper and Row.

**Bicentenary Papers** from the 1976 Edinburgh Conference have been published at the Edinburgh University Press under the editorship of G. P. Morice. The Contents includes the following nineteen sections.

1. Hume and the Legacy of the Dialogues  
*ERNEST C. MOSSNER*
2. 'The True Old Humean Philosophy' and Its Influence on Adam Smith  
*D.D. RAPHAEL*
3. Hume's Science of Politics  
*DUNCAN FORBES*
4. Convention and Value  
*PALL S. ARDAL*
5. Edmund Husserl and 'The as Yet, in Its

Most Important respect, unrecognised Greatness of Hume'

*GEORGE DAVIE*

6. Hume and the Ethics of Belief  
*J. A. PASSMORE*
7. Hume and the Sources of German Anti-Rationalism  
*ISAIAH BERLIN*
8. The Beginnings of Hume's Philosophy  
*REINHARD BRANDT*
9. Hume and the Deists: A Reconsideration  
*GUNTER GAWLICK*
10. La Methode Newtonienne et les Lois Empiriques de l'Anthropologie dan Traite II  
*NELLY DEME*
11. Hume and His Predecessors on the Causal Maxim  
*E.J. KHAMARA*
12. Hume's Causal Scepticism  
*WADE L. ROBISON*
13. Hume on Self-Identity, Memory and Causality  
*JOHN BRICKE*
14. Hume on Qualitative Content  
*JOHN W. DAVIS*
15. Durationless Moments in Hume's Treatise  
*E. W. VAN STEENBURGH*
16. The Textual and Philosophical Significance of Hume's MS Alterations to Treatise III  
*R. W. CONNON*
17. Hume on some Non-natural Distinctions  
*KARL BRITTON*
18. Hume's Law, Hume's Way  
*EUGENE SAPADIN*
19. Hume and the Concept of Pleasure  
*STEWART R. SUTHERLAND*

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# Seventh Hume Conference

*The Banff Centre  
of the University of Calgary  
September 15-18, 1978*

Friday, September 15

*Registration*

*First Session*

Chairman: Deborah Soles, Wichita State University

Richard Popkin, Washington University  
**Hume and Spinoza**

Arnold B. Levison, University of North Carolina-Greensboro  
**Hume's Philosophy of the Social Sciences**

Commentator: Nicholas Capaldi (Queens College)

Saturday, September 16

*Second Session*

Chairman: Donald Wester, Oklahoma Baptist University

Annette Baier, University of Pittsburgh  
**Hume on Chastity and Trust**

Commentator: William Charron, St. Louis University

Jack Norman, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
**Pride and Self-esteem**

Commentator: Pall S. Ardal, Queens University

*Business Meeting of the Society*

Presiding: Nicholas Capaldi (Queens College)

*Society Banquet*

*Third Session*

Chairman: Robert Anderson, University of Nebraska

Louis Loeb and Mark Tieman, University of Michigan  
**Coherence, Constancy and Causation in Of Skepticism with  
Regard to the Senses**

Commentator: John Immerwahr, Villanova University

Albert Casullo, University of Colorado

**The Epistemological Significance of Hume's Maxim of Con-  
ceivability**

Commentator: Tom Beauchamp, Georgetown University

Sunday, September 17

*Fourth Session*

Chairman: John Nelson, University of Colorado

Michael Smithurst, University of Surrey  
**Hume on Existence**

Commentator: William Edward Morris, University of Virginia

Jay Bachrach, Central Washington State College  
**On Hume's Standard of Taste**

Commentator: John Davis, University of Western Ontario

Pheroze S. Wadia, Rutgers University

**Philosophy as Literature: The Case of Hume's Dialogues**

Commentator: Terence Penelhum, University of Calgary

*Concluding Session*

Chairman: Byamuza Mushala, Howard University

Kenneth Merrill, University of Oklahoma  
**Hume and the Basis of Rationality**

Commentator: Bruce Hunter, University of Alberta

Barry Stroud, University of California-Berkeley

**Philosophical Reflection and Natural Instincts**