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## Eighth Hume Conference

The 1979 meeting of the Hume Society, which is being held in collaboration with Rutgers University, will take place November 2-4 at the Somerset Marriott Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey, close to New Brunswick. The Program Committee for the meeting (Pall Ardal, John Biro and Pheroze Wadia) received a greater number of papers than had been submitted for any of the previous Hume Conferences. The Program for the Eighth Hume Conference (see reverse) includes major presentations by J.C.A. Gaskin (Trinity College, Dublin) and David Yalden-Thomson (University of Virginia).

The Conference will begin Friday evening with the Society Banquet, followed immediately by the Evening Session. The Saturday Sessions have been scheduled so as to leave the late afternoon and evening free. (This will permit those interested in doing so to visit New York City Saturday night.) The Sunday Session will close at 4:00 p.m.

The Business Meeting of the Hume Society will be held at the close of the Saturday morning session, with Professor Nicholas Capaldi presiding. Principal agenda items will include report of the Pisa Meeting, selection of a site for the Ninth Hume Conference, election of persons to fill vacancies (three) on the Executive Committee of the Society, and such other items as the members may propose.

Local arrangements are being handled by Professor Pheroze Wadia who recently conveyed the following information for publication in the *Bulletin*.

The Eighth Hume Conference will now be held at the Somerset Marriott Hotel which is only a few minutes away by car from the main Rutgers Campus. The cost per room, for single as well as double occupancy, is \$27. Participants are advised to make their own arrangements for meals at the Hotel registration desk during each day of their stay. The price for meals at the Marriott is \$17 per day and up (including continental breakfast, sandwich lunch, and a full course dinner). Participants at the Conference are not obliged to eat all their meals at Marriott, though most will undoubtedly find it more convenient to do so. There are a number of good modestly priced "ethnic" restaurants in the surrounding area which can be reached easily by car or taxi....

Finally: there is a regular limousine service from Newark Airport to the Marriott at the cost of \$7 per person one way. This is a group rate and reservations must be made in advance (otherwise the trip will cost twice as much). Conference participants are urged to send for

were available in English and Italian, but all presentations were made in English. Papers were well attended, even the final presentations, which did not conclude until late in the evening. Participants had opportunity to socialize at dinner between sessions and after the conclusion of the meeting.

In convening the gathering, the Secretary of the Society, James King (Northern Illinois University), offered brief comments. He remarked that for some time Professor Nicholas Capaldi and he were aware of the quality of work on Hume being done by Italian scholars, and he gave a precis of the history of efforts undertaken by Professor Livingston and himself to schedule a meeting in Italy. He concluded by listing persons involved with the meeting to whom special thanks were due.

- + Professor Mario Matucci (University of Florence), Secretary-General of the Fifth International Congress, for his support of the Society's request to meet as part of the Congress.
- + Professor Ugo Bagolini (University of Bologna) for putting together the portion of the program involving Italian scholars.
- + Ms. Lela Blomquist, an associate of the Secretary of the Hume Society fluent in Italian, for placing trans-atlantic telephone calls to work out arrangements and details for the Extraordinary Session.
- + Professor John Biro (University of Oklahoma) for chairing the Extraordinary Session, manning the information desk at the Congress, and assisting in disseminating information about the Society at the meeting.

The Secretary also expressed his thanks to the individuals on the program for their understanding and patience relative to unavoidable inconveniences involved in holding a meeting of this nature.

At the end of the Congress, Professor King met with Professor Matucci to review the Extraordinary Meeting. Gratification at the outcome of the meeting was expressed on both sides, with particular emphasis being placed on the fact that it had afforded occasion for an unprecedented exchange between English-speaking and Italian-speaking scholars--wholly consonant with the avowed purpose of the Hume Society: "to stimulate scholarship on the philosophy and writings of David Hume and, through annual meetings, to afford an opportunity for the exchange of research."

## Hume Studies

# Eighth Hume Conference

Rutgers University  
November 2-3, 1979  
Somerset Marriott Hotel  
Somerset, New Jersey

Friday, November 2

Registration 5:00 PM  
Society Banquet 6:00 PM  
First Session 7:30 PM

Chairman: Angelo Juffras, William Patterson  
College

Donald Livingston, Northern Illinois University  
**Hume's Attack on Religion**  
Commentator: Louise Marcil-Lacoste, University  
of Montreal

Richard Miller, Rutgers University  
**On Believing the Impossible: A Defense of the  
Rationality of Belief in Miracles**  
Commentator: Joseph Grassi, Fairfield University

J.C.A. Gaskin, Trinity College, Dublin  
**Hume's Attenuated Deism**

Saturday, November 3

Second Session 9:00 AM

Chairman: John Biro, University of Oklahoma

John Immerwahr, Villanova University  
**Hume's Self-Criticism**  
Commentator: Robert Burch, Texas A&M

Fay Sawyer, Illinois Institute of Technology  
**The Unquiet Mind**  
Comentator: David Behan, Agnes Scott College

Stanley L. Vodraska, Canisius College  
**Hume's Moral Euiry: An Analysis**  
Comentator: Bernard Freydberg, Slippery Rock  
State College

Business Meeting of the Society 11:30 AM

Third Session 2:00 PM

Chairman: Peter Kivy, Rutgers University

John Bricke, University of Kansas  
**Scepticism, Perception and Physical Objects**  
Commentator: Charles Echelbarger, SUNY at Os-  
wego

Peter Corbett, Villanova University  
**Compatibilism and Hume's Definition of  
Liberty**

Commentator: Raziel Abelson, New York  
University

John Davis Messer, Auburn University  
**Hume, Causal Reasoning and the Two  
Definitions**

Commentator: Thomas Wren, Loyola University,  
Chicago

Ira M. Schnall, CUNY

**Hume's Distinction Between Coherence and  
Causality**

Commentator: Eric Steinberg, Brooklyn College

Sunday, November 4

Fourth Session 1:00 PM

Chairman: David Fate Norton, McGill University

John Yolton, Rutgers University  
**Hume's Ideas**

Commentator: Robert Anderson, University of  
Nebraska

John Wright, University of Western Ontario  
**Natural Judgement of External Existence:  
Malebranchean Themes in Hume's Treatise**

Commentator: Craig Walton, University of  
Nevada-Las Vegas

D.C. Yalden-Thomson, Univeristy of Virginia  
**Hume: A Biographical Note**