

# Announcements/Chroniques

## International Plato Society

In 1986, a small group of Platonic scholars met for the first *Symposium Platonicum* and formed the project of holding similar symposia on a triennial basis. At the second symposium in Perugia in 1989, the hundred or so scholars present established the International Plato Society.

The aim of the Society is to promote the study of Plato across the world through the symposia themselves, through the publication of the *Proceedings* of the symposia and through the dissemination of information about recent and current work on Plato. The Society owes allegiance to no particular school or mode of interpretation. Full membership is open to any scholar who has published at least one substantial article or has completed a doctoral dissertation (or equivalent) on Plato within the last 15 years. Associate membership is open to anyone currently working towards a doctoral dissertation (or equivalent) in this field. The current membership is about 350.

At the third *Symposium Platonicum*, the Society launched the first volume in a new series, *International Plato Studies: Understanding the Phaedrus: Proceedings of the II Symposium Platonicum*, edited by L. Rossetti (Sankt Augustin: Academia Verlag, 328 pp., DM 98, cloth). The series will include not only the *Proceedings* of future symposia but also independent monographs on Plato and reprints of books on Plato presently out of print.

The fourth *Symposium Platonicum*, to be held in Granada in 1995, will have as its topics the *Timaeus* and the *Critias*.

Manuscripts to be considered for publication in *International Plato Studies* and all other correspondence, including applications for membership in the International Plato Society, should be submitted to the Professor Tomás Calvo, Universidad de Granada, Facultad de Letras, Departamento de Filosofía, Campus de Cartuja, E-18011 Granada, Spain.

## East-West Seminar 1994

The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS) invites applications from younger scholars in all fields of eighteenth-century studies to attend an East-West seminar in Paris in August 1994. The theme of the seminar for 1994 will be *The Public: Audiences, Interpretive Communities, Public Opinion and the Public Sphere*. The papers may come from any discipline and may concern the eighteenth-century publics in any of their capacities—as readers, listeners, viewers or citizens. The papers may deal with the formation of public opinion in politics or in the realm of culture, or may discuss publics as understood by philosophers or the emergence of the public sphere. They

should, however, be focussed on the public dimension of eighteenth-century life and combine whenever possible theoretical considerations with empirical research.

The seminar is intended to promote intellectual exchange and to establish personal contacts between scholars from East European countries and the West. All expenses, including travel and lodging, will be paid.

To be eligible, candidates must be less than 40 years old on January 1, 1994, must have a Ph.D. or its equivalent and must be able to speak French or English, preferably both. They must write an original paper, in English or French, of about 20 typewritten pages on the theme of the seminar, and they must submit it by June 15, 1994 so that it can be circulated in advance.

Full information is available from ISECS, Voltaire Foundation, Taylor Institution, Oxford OX1 3NA, England. Applications should be submitted to the above address by December 1, 1993.

### **Call for Papers**

#### **Logic and the Workings of the Mind: Ramus to Kant**

In June 1995, the Philosophy Department at the University of Western Ontario, with assistance from SSHRC, will be hosting a conference on the relation between logic, epistemology and "faculty psychology" in early modern philosophy. Papers are solicited on topics exploring the influence of early modern logic on early modern philosophy or that of early modern "faculty psychology" on early modern logic. Regardless of topic, papers should be primarily focussed on the content of early modern logic textbooks. Topics could include but are not restricted to: abstraction of concepts from sensory experience and debates over the nature and status of abstract ideas; accounts of conceptual clarity and obscurity, distinctness and confusion; accounts of the repugnance and comparison of ideas and their relation to theories of logical truth and contingency; relation between notions of conceivability and inconceivability, possibility and impossibility in early modern logic and philosophy; accounts of necessity and contingency and their relation to *a priori* and *a posteriori* modes of knowing; treatments of the work of particular early modern logicians.

For more information, contact Thomas M. Lennon, Early Modern Logic Project, Philosophy Department, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada N6A 3K7, or send e-mail to Lorne Falkenstein at LFalkens@uwovax.uwo.ca. The deadline for submission in September 1, 1994.

### **Modeling Rational and Moral Agents**

The Cognitive Science Program at Simon Fraser University will be presenting its seventh annual Cognitive Science Conference on February 11-12 (Friday and Saturday), 1994, at the Harbour Centre Campus in Vancouver, British Columbia. The title of this year's conference is *Modeling Rational and Moral Agents*. There will be presentations by Leslie Burkholder, Peter Danielson, Robert Frank, B. A. Huberman, Duncan MacIntosh, Edward McClennen, Adam Morton, David Schmitz, Brian Skyrms, Elliot Sober, Ronald deSousa and William Talbot.

For more information, please contact: Modeling Conference Information, Centre for Applied Ethics, 1866 Main Mall E-162, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1 Canada; send e-mail to "model-conf-infor-request@unixg.ubc.ca" or telephone Fred Popowich at (604) 291-4193.