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The eighth triennial conference of The Society for Emblem Studies will take place at Winchester College, England from 28th July to 1st August 2008. The conference theme will be “Word and Image, 1500-1900: Figure, Form and Function”.

Plenary speakers who have agreed to address the conference include Kristen Lippincott (former Director of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich); Philip Attwood (Curator of Medals, The British Museum); Alan R. Young (Professor Emeritus, Acadia University, Canada); and, provisionally, Mark Jones (Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum).

Emblem Studies is a broad interdisciplinary field of research into early modern culture that encompasses literary studies, art history and iconography, religious practice and theology, political discourses, the history of mentalities, material culture, and social manners and mores. Centred upon the distinctive combination of text and image that emerged from various strands of late medieval and Renaissance humanist culture, emblem studies considers printed books of emblems, emblems in the material culture, symbol theories and emblematic ideas in art and writing, as well as the evolution of these forms in different cultural contexts.

The conference venue will be Winchester College, one of the world’s great schools and the oldest in continual existence in Britain. It was founded in 1382 by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor to Richard II, as part of an educational endowment that included New College, Oxford. Established in the ancient capital of England and seat of King Alfred, Winchester College provided the template followed by later institutions such as Eton College, Westminster School, and King’s College, Cambridge. For over six centuries, Winchester’s scholars have been educated among its fourteenth-century cloisters, quadrangles and walks. The school possesses a truly remarkable historical library, a repository of great medieval and Renaissance treasures, as well as a chantry and fine Gothic chapel.

The Eighth International Conference of the Society for Emblem Studies will meet in some of Winchester’s finest buildings; the medieval College Hall, the seventeenth-century “School” designed in the manner of Wren, and the Arts-and-Crafts period Old Museum. Outside the schedule, delegates may enjoy the College’s peaceful atmosphere and beautiful grounds which lie adjacent to ancient water meadows and Winchester Cathedral Close.

Proposals are invited for 20 minute papers on any aspect of Emblem Studies: they might address, **but are not restricted to**, the following areas:

Emblems and Education

Emblems in the Schoolroom; Emblems and *Alba amicorum*; Emblems and International Humanism.

Emblems and Numismatics

Emblems and Medals; Emblems and Jetons; Emblems and Antique Coins.

Emblems and Reformation

Protestant Emblematics; Counter-Reformation Emblematics; Emblems and Revelation.

Emblems and War

Emblems and Glorification; Emblems and Repudiation; Emblems and Soldiers.

Emblems in the Social Sphere

Emblems and Childhood; Emblems and Courtship; Emblems and Marriage; Emblems and Citizenship; Emblems and Death.

The Global Presence of the Emblem

The Emblem in Europe; The Emblem in Asia; The Emblem in Africa; The Emblem in North and South America.

Emblems and Art History

Emblems and Painting; Emblems and Sculpture; Emblems and the Applied Arts; Iconography.

Emblems in Literature

Emblems and Metaphor; Emblems and Shakespeare; Emblems on the Stage; Emblems and Narrative.

Emblems and the Book

Bibliography; Emblematic Production; Emblems and Frontispieces; Printers' Devices.

Emblems as Political Discourse

Emblematic Panegyrics; Emblematic Lampoons; Emblematic Manifestoes.

Recent Developments in Emblem Theory

Appraisals of Emblem Theory in the light of scholarship since Mario Praz.

Otto Vaenius' Amorum emblemata: 400 years on

To mark the 400th anniversary of the publication of Otto Vaenius' *Amorum emblemata*, proposals are sought celebrating the achievement of Vaenius in the sphere of the erotic emblem.

Ideas for panels not covered in the range of themes listed above are most welcome. The deadline for proposals is 31st December 2007. To submit a paper for consideration, please send a 250-word abstract to the e-mail or postal addresses below. Please include your contact details and brief biographical note, including your affiliation, if any.

The conference organizer is Dr Simon McKeown. **Contact:** Simon McKeown on smck@kcs.org.uk or by name at: Art History, King's College School, Southside Common, Wimbledon, London SW19 4TT, United Kingdom.

Deadlines: Submission of proposals: 31st December 2007; Confirmation of accepted papers: 28th February 2008; Registration for a conference place: 31st March 2008; Final registration: 31st May 2008.

ACCOMMODATION AT WINCHESTER

Delegates will wish to arrange their own accommodation for the conference according to needs and means. Further details of Winchester hotels and bed and breakfast guest houses will be posted on the Society for Emblem Studies website in the coming weeks, but delegates may wish to consider the facilities offered by the University of Winchester which are convenient to Winchester College.

West Downs Student Village Standard and En-suite Bedrooms

The student village is located on the West Downs Campus which is 15 – 20 minutes walk from Winchester College and the Cathedral.

All of the student village accommodation is grouped in small houses of between six and eight bedrooms. Each room is a standard single bedroom with a wash-hand basin. Some of the rooms have an en-suite toilet and shower, and in the standard accommodation these facilities are shared between three or four bedrooms.

In all rooms bed linen and a towel are provided, as well as tea and coffee making facilities in the shared kitchens. Each kitchen also has a cooker, fridge freezer, kettle and microwave.

Catering:

An English breakfast buffet will be served in the Shakespeare Room in the West Downs Centre.

Rates, including VAT:

Bed and breakfast – Student village en-suite accommodation - £29.50 per night;

Bed and breakfast – Student village standard accommodation - £26.50 per night.

If you wish to book a room at the University of Winchester, please contact Jenny Withington, the External Events Co-ordinator, directly. She will require full payment by credit or debit card. Her contact details are:

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Registration

The full conference registration fee is £90, with a reduced fee for graduate students of £60.

Payment of the registration fee should be sent (in Pounds Sterling [GBP] only, please) in either of the following ways:

1. By cheque, drawn IN STERLING [GBP], made out to SOCIETY FOR EMBLEM STUDIES, and sent to:

Dr Simon McKeown (SES)
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Title (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

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