



The Goethe Society
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GOETHE NEWS AND NOTES

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GSNA ELECTIONS 1984:

There was no regular business meeting of the GSNA in 1983, because the announcements were mailed too late. The Executive Committee met at the MLA Convention in New York on 27 December 1983 and voted an increase in membership dues for 1984.

Present by-laws mandate that the Board of Directors for 1984 (Victor Lange, Meredith Lee, Thomas P. Saine, Christoph E. Schweitzer, Ehrhard Bahr) be confirmed by the membership. The Nominating Committee (Stuart Atkins, Clifford A. Bernd, Frank G. Ryder) unanimously nominated the current President, Victor Lange, for a second term in office, with Christoph E. Schweitzer continuing as Vice President. Since present by-laws have no provision for a mail ballot, the Board of Directors will appoint those candidates for President and Vice President who will receive a simple majority of the mail ballot received by 18 May 1984.

The Executive Committee will appoint a committee to address this and other problems of the current by-laws.

GSNA BALLOT

Please vote for confirmation of Board of Directors for 1984:

Confirmed:

Not Confirmed:

Please vote for one candidate for each office by checking the space provided following the name of the candidate of your choice. Space is provided for write-in votes.

PRESIDENT: Victor Lange

(Write-in)

VICE PRESIDENT: Christoph E. Schweitzer

(Write-In)

Please return your marked ballot to Meredith Lee, German Department, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA 92717. To be counted, your ballot must reach the Secretary/Treasurer on or before May 18, 1984.

Associated Meetings of the GSNA at the MLA Centennial Meeting in Washington, D.C., in December 1984:

I. Changing Attitudes in the Study of Young Goethe. Presiding: Clifford A. Bernd, University of California, Davis.

1. "Künstlers Morgenlied," Hans R. Vaget, Smith College;
2. "Zur Dramatik des jungen Goethe," Wolfgang Wittkowski, SUNY Albany.

Respondent: Victor Lange, Princeton University.

II. Business Meeting.

Goethe Yearbook, II (1984):

Goethe Yearbook, volume II, will appear in Spring 1984. It features Leo Löwenthal's Festrede, "Goethe und die falsche Subjektivität," delivered in the Frankfurter Paulskirche on the 150th anniversary of Goethe's death and also presented at the annual meeting of the Goethe Society of North America at the William Andrews Clark Library in Los Angeles in December 1982. The volume also contains Geza von Molnar's exhaustive study of Goethe's reading of Kant's Kritik der Urteilskraft, including illustrations taken from Goethe's Handexemplar of Kant's work. In addition, there are articles by Arlene Teraoka on "The Structure of Goethe's Götz," Brigitte Peucker on the poem "Auf dem See," a Lacanian reading of Iphigenie auf Tauris by Irmgard W. Hobson; and articles by Jane K. Brown on "History and Historicity in Act II of Faust II," Judith Ricker-Abderhalden on Adolf Muschg's adaptation of Goethe's Die Aufgeregten, Dennis Mahoney on Egon Günther's film Lotte in Weimar, Hans Sachse on "Goethes 'Logogryph' und 'Das Tagebuch'," and Jutta van Selm on "Erfahrung und Theorie bei Goethe." Volume II will also include, for the first time, a substantial book review section, edited by Hans R. Vaget. Volume III is scheduled to appear in 1985.

Prize for German Studies Abroad:

The Deutsche Akademie für Sprache und Dichtung in Darmstadt has awarded the Prize for German Studies Abroad (Germanistik im Ausland) to the Goethe scholar and translator Stuart Atkins,

University of California, Santa Barbara. Stuart Atkins is a founding member of the GSNA and has edited and translated Faust I and Faust II of the Suhrkamp/Insel English Language Goethe.

St. Louis Symposium on Goethe's Narrative Works:

The Seventh St. Louis Symposium on German Literature, held from March 30 to April 1, 1984, and sponsored by the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at Washington University in St. Louis, dealt with Goethe's narrative works. There were fourteen sessions with Eberhard Lämmert on "Goethes Romantheorie," Wulf Koepke on Wilhelm Meisters Theatralische Sendung, Helmut Koopmann on Wilhelm Meisters Lehrjahre, Ehrhard Bahr on Wilhelm Meisters Wanderjahre, Siegfried Unseld on Goethe and his publishers, Hans R. Vaget on Die Leiden des jungen Werthers, David E. Wellbery on Die Wahlverwandtschaften, Hans-Wolf Jäger on Reineke Fuchs, Paul Michael Lützeler on Hermann und Dorothea, Dieter Borchmeyer on Alexis und Dora, Erika Kluesener on Novelle, Sigrid Bauschinger on Unterhaltungen deutscher Ausgewanderten, Thomas P. Saine on Campagne in Frankreich/Belagerung von Mainz, Gisela Brude-Firnau on Dichtung und Wahrheit, and with Peter Boerner on Italienische Reise. The closing remarks were made by Liselotte Dieckmann. All papers will be published by Reclam in a volume on Goethes Erzählwerk.

Goethe-Gesellschaft in Weimar:

The Goethe-Gesellschaft met in Weimar in May 1983 and reelected Karl-Heinz Hahn, Director of the Goethe- and Schiller-Archives in Weimar, as President and Jörn Göres, Director of the Düsseldorf Goethe-Museum (Kippenberg-Stiftung) as Vice President. The topic of the meeting was "Produktivität und Schöpfung im Dichten und Denken Goethes." At the next meeting in 1985 the Goethe-Gesellschaft in Weimar will celebrate its 100th anniversary.

Goethe in California:

Goethe's name as a scientist is commemorated in the California Sierras by a Mount Goethe next to Mount Darwin and Mount Haeckel.