

**Minutes of the AGM of the Friends of Herculaneum Society held on Saturday 3 October 2009 at 15.00 at the Oakeshott Room, Lincoln College, Oxford**

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Present: Robert Fowler, Dirk Obbink, Nigel Wilson (Trustees), Krystyna Cech (secretary)

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The minutes of the 2008 AGM were received with one amendment: Prof. McIlwaine's gift consisted in a copy of her forthcoming bibliography on Herculaneum 1980-2007 together with its supporting materials for copying and retention in the archive and not a gift of her whole archive.

The accounts of the Herculaneum Society and the Friends of Herculaneum Society were presented and approved by the members.

The Trustees stepped down and were unanimously re-elected.

A report was presented by Robert Fowler about the recent and future activities of the Society.

- A well-attended meeting took place in Paris on 20 June 2009.
- Plans to publish a Journal with CUP have had to be put aside due to the caution of the publishers.
- The *Sozomena* series has begun to be published by the De Gruyter publishing house in Germany. The Herculaneum Society is the recipient of the royalties from this series. A forthcoming title to be published in March 2010 is *The Villa of the Papyri at Herculaneum - Archaeology, Reception, and Digital Reconstruction* edited by Mantha Zarmakoupi.
- A research grant proposal is being prepared by the Trustees to investigate the archaeology, history, visual culture and papyrology of Herculaneum and the Bay of Naples.
- It is hoped that the BA will host a travelling exhibition being organised in Naples sometime in 2012.
- An American Friends of Herculaneum Society is being set up. Discussions on the role and relationship of this new society with the existing society will be held in January 2010 at the American Philological Society Meeting. James Crystal, Jeffrey Fish, Ann Kuttner, Carol Mattusch, Kirk Sanders, and David Sider have all agreed to be founding trustees, and cross-representation on their board will be made by trustees of the UK society. Another potential candidate is Kenneth Lapatin of the Getty Museum.
- The society is funding two postgraduate studentships (£1000 each). One of the fellowships is in conjunction with the International Centre for the Study of Herculaneum.
- The Society is planning to organise a meeting in Herculaneum in May/June of next year.

The meeting adjourned at 15.45.

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