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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the campus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Classical Conference, Saturday, October 7– Sunday, October 8, 2017. You can check out the campus in advance at the college web site: www.illinois.edu. You will find the most upto-date information on the meeting on the ICC home page at www.illinoisclassics.org (and basic information on the U. of I. Classics Department web site's Events page) but please feel free to contact me as well at traill@illinois.edu.

Program This year's program features a number of exciting features, including:

- AIA lecture: "An Art of Shaping Space Around Ritual: Roman Architecture and Monumentality" by U. of Illinois Professor John Senseney
- Keynote Address: "The New Ben-Hur (2016) in a Changing World" by U. of Illinois Professor Antony Augoustakis
- Panels on Latin and Greek literature, lesser taught Roman authors, using Arc-GIS, and a new Google Add-on for grading vocabulary quizzes
- Educational Technology Exchange
- Workshop on applying Dr. Stephen Krashen's language acquisition research

Venue Most events will take place in the Lucy Ellis Lounge, 1080 Foreign Languages Building, 707 S. Mathews Ave. The AIA lecture on Saturday, Oct. 7, 3:00 p.m. will take place in the Knight Auditorium, Spurlock Museum, 600 S Gregory St, Urbana, IL 61801. A guided tour by Professor Emeritus James Dengate is available prior to the talk, starting 2:15 at the central core of the museum, next to the Ancient Mediterranean Gallery. Admission is free.

Lodging We have reserved a block of 30 rooms at the Illini Union Hotel (1401 West Green Street Urbana, Illinois 61801), located on the fourth floor of the Union (a note of reassurance: guest rooms are far from high-traffic areas and very quiet). Reservations can be made by calling (217) 333-3030 or online (see below). Please mention the ICC conference when you book. Rates: Full-Size \$104; Queen or King \$109; Suites \$184 plus tax. No charge for the 2nd guest. For more information, go to http://www.union.uiuc.edu/. Please book early: any unsold rooms will be released to other customers on Sept. 6.

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To make reservations online:

- 1. Go to http://union.illinois.edu/stay/illini-union-hotel
- 2. Click on "Book Now" located upper left of page
- 3. The below screen appears.
- 4. Fill in dates and other info.
- 5. Way at the bottom, click on the circle of the "Group Booking Code."
- 6. Fill in your group booking code
- 7. Click on "Check Availability".
- 8. Your group booking code is: Classical

There are many hotels in the area. The newest and best are the <u>I-Hotel</u>, <u>Hilton Garden Inn</u>, the <u>Hampton Inn</u> (within walking distance of the Foreign Language Building) and the Comfort Suites Urbana.

Transportation By car from the North (Chicago): take I-57 south to I-74; take I-74 eastbound to Lincoln Avenue; travel south on Lincoln to Green Street (right, for Illini Union) or Springfield Avenue (right, for B-1 Parking lot, just past Goodwin). From the South (Carbondale): take I-57 north to I-74 and follow same directions. By train: Amtrak stops in Champaign-Urbana. There are trains from Chicago Union Station on Friday Oct. 6, 4:05-6:15 pm, 8:05 – 10:34 pm, Saturday, Oct. 7, 8:14 am – 10:25 am, and returns Sunday, Oct. 8, 6:10 – 9:00 am, 10:14 – 1:00 pm, 6:59 – 9:45 pm. Local taxis are the best way to get to campus. If you get stuck, please give me a call (217 621 9912); we have a few volunteers to help.

Parking After 5:00 p.m. Friday through 6:00am Monday, visitors may park in lot B-1, Springfield Avenue between Mathews & Goodwin, without a permit at no charge. This is the closest lot to the Illini Union, but the following lots may also be used: B-17 Harvey Street between Clark and Main, C-09 Chalmers and Sixth, E-14 First Street and Kirby, F-23 Lincoln Avenue and Florida, F-28 Peabody and Dorner Drive. All other campus lots are reserved for permit holders only, and your car may be towed if you park in prohibited spaces. Please see the <u>campus parking map</u>. A full list of free overnight parking lots on campus may be found here.

Banquet The banquet will be held 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in room 210 Illini Union (in the same building as the hotel room block).

Registration Please register through the web site http://go.illinois.edu/ICCRegistrationForm. This site will be live from Tuesday August, 29 through Friday October 6, 2017. There is room on the registration form to add guests to your banquet reservation.

My colleagues and I look forward to seeing you in October!

Yours sincerely,

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