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The American Name Society
Annual Conference, Portland, OR
January 8-11, 2015

ANS to Bring World to Portland
We may identify ourselves as the American Name Society (ANS), but we truly are an international body. Scholars from Austria, Canada, Germany, Ghana, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, South Africa, and the United States anticipate meeting in Portland, Oregon, January 8-11, 2015 for the proceedings of the American Name Society.

The 2015 conference will be held in conjunction with the Linguistic Society of America (LSA). All authors whose papers have been accepted must be current members of the ANS and register for both the ANS and the LSA.

For information about the American Name Society see www.wtsn.binghamton.edu/ANS/
For information concerning the Linguistic Society of America see www.lsadc.org

2015 Conference Preview
Confused about “Velvet Elvis at the Mary Mart”? Nancy Friedman (Wordworking.com) clears the smoke in “The New Normal Nomenclature of Legal Cannabis.” Adamant that “I would never give my child that name!” Iman Nick (University of Cologne) assures you that you are not alone in “A Sociolinguistic Investigation of Modern German Students’ Perceptions of Names Popular during the Third Reich.” These and other onomastic delights await you at the 2015 ANS Conference.

Highlights will include the Name of the Year selection, the keynote speech, and a guest lecture. On Friday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m., Cleveland Evans (Bellevue University) will host the Name of the Year selection. At 2:00 p.m. Donna Lillian (Appalachian State University) will deliver her presidential address on “Names and Magic.” On Saturday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m., Jennifer Moss (babynames.com) will speak on “How the Internet Changed Baby Naming.”

Other presentations will explore literary, place, trade, product, and ethnic names. Panels on “Names and Gender,” “Names and Time,” and “Names and Culture” are also on the roster. For a complete list of participants, presentations, meetings, and events, consult the preliminary schedule available on the ANS website.

If time permits, explore local attractions. Two favorites are convenient to our hotel. Weather fair? With over 5,000 trailed acres, Forest Park is the largest city park in the U.S. Weather foul? Head inside to Powell’s City of Books. Housing over a million volumes, plus an art gallery and a coffee shop, Powell’s occupies a full city block.
ANS to Dine at Mother’s Bistro
The traditional ANS dinner will include vegetarian and non-vegetarian options, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, and tea. The $40 price includes taxes and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages will be available for individual purchase. In addition to paying for yourself and your guest(s), please consider hosting a graduate student or an international member for this occasion. For more on Mother’s Bistro, consult: http://www.mothersbistro.com/

ANS Executive Council News

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The following candidates were proposed by the nominating committee for continuing and new appointments:

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25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS), Glasgow, Scotland
Reported by Donna Lillian (Appalachian State University)

Onomasticians from around the globe gathered in Glasgow, Scotland from August 24-29, 2014 for the 25th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS). A week of sunny weather (with only one slightly rainy day) delighted attendees. The University of Glasgow provided top-notch meeting rooms and services. The Congress included some 245 delegates from 40 countries, presenting in English, French, and German.

Attendees had the option to embark on midweek excursions to Paisley Abbey, the Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Ayrshire Coast, Dumbarton Castle, Stirling Castle, Glasgow Cathedral, Loch Lomond, and the Glengoyne Distillery, among other destinations.

The next ICOS meeting will be held from August 27 to September 1, 2017 at the University of Debrecen, Hungary.

ANS Well Represented at ICOS

A special gathering of ANS members and friends was held at The Stravaigin for an evening of food, drink, and fellowship organized by Iman Laversuch.
Minneapolis 2014—Chills and a Thrill

Winter storms derailed, deterred, and delayed, but ultimately onomastic scholars prevailed at the 2014 American Name Society Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from January 2-5, 2014. Traveling the furthest—and arriving—was Bertie Neethling (University of the Western Cape, South Africa). As the ever quotable Kemp Williams (IBM Global Name Recognition) mused, “Whose bright idea was it to hold a convention in M-I-N-N-E-A-P-O-L-I-S in J-A-N-U-A-R-Y?” (Emphases Kemp’s). Indeed! Psst, Kemp, we believe it was the LSA’s.

While outdoor temperatures were subarctic, proceedings indoors at the Hilton Minneapolis were, if not tropical, at least topical. ANS members attended sessions on Names and Academia, Names and Crime, Names and Origins, Names and Patterns, Names and Places, Names and Europe, Names and Asia, Names and Africa, and Names and Women. Keynote Speaker Brendan Fairbanks (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities) informed members about “Ojibwe name giving,” a topic both onomastically and regionally of importance. We decided upon some Names of the Year, with the ultimate honor going to Francis in recognition of the current reform-minded pontiff in Rome.

Kudos to Donna Lillian (Appalachian State University) whose coordinated efforts, savvy troubleshooting, and gracious hosting ensured that the ANS conference and its participants flourished. She was the rose that bloomed in winter. There was little reason to venture beyond the hotel. Even the ANS banquet was held at the Sky Water Restaurant conveniently located within the Hilton Minneapolis.

While the food was delicious, the company was auspicious, with a surprise visit by Alice and Tom Gasque (Emeritus, University of South Dakota), still hardy northerners both, who decided to drive to South Dakota to visit relatives over the holidays and then took a detour through Minneapolis just so they could connect with ANS friends. Alice and Tom, it was a thrill for us to visit with you at the banquet. Minneapolis, great city, you gave us chills.

 NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics Included in Linguistic Bibliography

 NAMES Editor Frank Nuessel (University of Louisville) reports that NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics is now included in the prestigious Linguistic Bibliography. The annual publication provides comprehensive bibliographical descriptions of publications and journals in theoretical linguistics. Since 2002 the database has been available online as Linguistic Bibliography Online.
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FAQs for Contributors to Names: A Journal of Onomastics

Frank Nuessel, Editor of Names: A Journal of Onomastics, offers the following advice for questions frequently asked by scholars submitting work to the journal. Material in Q2-Q5 comes from a 2014 ANS Annual Meeting presentation by Sheri Spaine Long (University of North Carolina, Charlotte) and Frank Nuessel (University of Louisville).

Q1. How do I prepare a manuscript for submission to the Editor of Names: A Journal of Onomastics?

A1. Submission guidelines can be found at the Maney website, http://www.maneyonline.com/nam. On the right side of the Names page, select “Instructions for Authors” for access to:

- Journal statement
- Submission instructions
- Preparing your article
  - Article titles
  - Abstracts, Keywords
  - Conditions of Submission
  - Spelling and references
  - Endnotes
  - References
  - Quotations
  - Spelling and dates
  - Punctuation
  - Acknowledgments
  - Submission of articles and reviews on disk
  - Tables
  - Supplementary Material
  - Illustrations
  - Using copyrighted material
  - Author images
  - Using images from Google
  - Using images and other content from the internet
  - Plagiarism and publishing ethics
  - Online color
- After acceptance
  - ManeyTrack
  - Digital Object Identifier
  - Proofs
  - Eprints
  - Permissions

Q2. What makes a good paper for Names: A Journal of Onomastics?

A2. Good papers contain the following characteristics:

- Thesis/hypothesis and study design that are novel, strong
- Methods that are validated and properly described
Q3. How do I know that Names: A Journal of Onomastics is the appropriate journal for reporting the results of my research?

A3. Read the instructions to authors before starting to write. Be sure to conform to stated specifications:

- Length limits
- Style requirements
- Content restrictions
- Conflict of interest requirements
- Prior publication policies
- Topic scope

Q4. What are some common errors in submitting an article to Names: A Journal of Onomastics?

A4. Be sure to edit your manuscript with care to avoid the following frequent errors:

- Spelling
- Subject-verb agreement (data is/are)
- Incomplete sentences
- Wordiness
- Precision in choice of words
- Passive vs. active voice

Q5. Why was my submission to Names: A Journal of Onomastics rejected?

A5. The following are the most frequent reasons submissions are rejected:

- Too small an advance in knowledge in the field
- New knowledge that is insignificant
- Lack of novelty: confirmatory only
- Design or execution flaws
- Poorly written
- Overstating
- Inappropriate topic for journal

Q6. What do I do if my submission to Names: A Journal of Onomastics is rejected or requires revision?

A6. Several recent submissions to the journal indicate that authors have not paid attention to the following requirement for submissions to NAMES. We ask that all authors read and comply with this prerequisite for submissions to the journal. Following these rules will facilitate the processing of submissions, and it will expedite editorial responses. This policy was decided at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Name Society January 2011 and published in the Editorial in NAMES 59:2 (2011), 65.

Q7. What are some resources to consult before I submit my article to Names: A Journal of Onomastics?

A7. Here are six links for resources for tips on writing articles:

- Writing Paragraphs: http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/paragraph.html
- Writing Paragraphs: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/606/01/
- Writing an Academic Paper for Publication: http://www.academia.edu/3030574/Writing_an_academic_paper_for_publication
- Additional Writing Resources: http://scholar.google.de/scholar?q=simkhada+writting&btnG=&hl=en&as_sdt=0%2C5