

Grant Report Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies



The organising committee for the Annual Meeting of Postgraduates in Ancient Literature are very grateful for the grant of £200 received from the SPRS for the provision of bursaries for attendance at this conference.

The conference was held on the 8th – 9th September 2012 at the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, Oxford. This year's AMPAL was the largest event in the history of the conference – attended by over seventy-five delegates. Delegates came from across the UK and Europe, and from as far afield as Australia and America. The conference was attended by young researchers, post-docs, and by postgraduate students of all different levels.

This diverse scholarly community met to discuss the theme of “Bodily Functions: the *corpus* and *corpora* in ancient literature”. The inter-disciplinary nature of the theme provoked some fascinating discussions and promoted a broad exchange of ideas.



Delegates enjoying one of the weekend's many interesting papers



Several members of the committee with our keynote speaker, Prof. M. Leigh

The conference also offered a valuable opportunity to meet other post-graduates working in the same field. The collegial and convivial atmosphere throughout provided the perfect environment for many students to deliver their first academic paper.

The grant from the SPRS was used to fund bursaries for current graduate students. The £200 which we received from the society allowed us to reimburse ten delegates for their conference fees for the weekend. The ample provision of bursaries was one of the most significant factors in attracting such a large number of postgraduate students to this year's AMPAL. The committee are therefore very grateful to the SPRS for their commitment to promoting discussion and academic exchange within the postgraduate classics community, and, in particular, for helping to make the AMPAL 2012 such a success.



The Ioannou Centre, Oxford