

**Barney Taylor, Oxford: Visit to Fondation Hardt, September 2011.**

In September 2011 I spent three weeks at the Fondation Hardt, Vandoevres, funded by a generous grant from the Roman Society. During this visit I worked on a chapter of my doctoral thesis which concerns Lucretian etymologies and etymological theory. Using the excellent resources of the Fondation library, which for me includes some important books currently unavailable in UK libraries, I was able to complete a catalogue of potential implicit etymologies in *DRN* which I had been working on for some time. I then spent the remainder of my stay writing up a full draft of the chapter on the basis of the information gathered in the catalogue. The level of comfort at the Fondation Hardt, as well as the absence of other responsibilities, meant that I was able to work very productively: this work would perhaps have taken me twice as long to complete in Oxford. I also benefited from the opportunities which the communal setting of the Fondation provides: I was able to discuss my work with scholars who are expert in related fields, and was also able to meet and discuss with Latinists from the nearby University of Geneva. The trip was of major value to me and my work, and I owe the Roman Society, as well as the Fondation and its staff, a debt of gratitude for giving me the means to carry out my research in a such an ideal environment.