

## **The Fondation Hardt: report for the Roman Society**

In March 2013 I spent a very interesting and productive fortnight at the Fondation Hardt. I finished revising the penultimate chapter of my doctorate on Books 1-6 of Tacitus' *Annals* and made significant progress with the final chapter, as well as reflecting more generally on the metaphorical notion of 'civil war within the Tiberian principate', which is a key theme in my thesis. The tranquillity of the Fondation is highly conducive to uninterrupted work, and its library is also a splendid resource: I was able to consult a wide range of texts and commentaries, which was particularly useful when I was considering the echoes of Sallust and Caesar in the *Annals*, as well as secondary works on Roman history. It is also unlike all other libraries of my acquaintance in that every volume is to be found in its rightful place!

I can only echo other recipients of the Roman Society bursary in reporting that the staff of the Fondation were all kind and helpful, while Heidi's delicious cooking provided a pleasant respite from long hours of study. In addition, I very much enjoyed the international atmosphere: it was good to get to know researchers from other countries and to share perspectives on the discipline, discuss our various projects, and make contacts for the future. Finally, I was very glad to be able to meet the Director of the Fondation, Professor Pierre Ducrey, with whom I have collaborated by e-mail on several translations, and express my appreciation for the opportunities offered by the Fondation Hardt. I am extremely grateful to the Roman Society for its award of a bursary that permitted me to stay there.     Kate Low