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LITERARY ONOMASTICS NEWS

International Committee of Literary Onomastics

Dr. Grace Alvarez-Altman (SUNY Brockport) was elected president of the ICLO, which is to have its first formal meeting as an allied organization during the International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, August 1984, at the University of Leipzig, East Germany. The committee is made up of sixteen professors, representing their respective countries. For more information, write to

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The International Linguistic Association

At the Twenty-seventh Annual Conference of the ILA, March 13-14, 1982, Professor Leonard R. N. Ashley spoke on the importance of literary onomastics. Prof. Ashley (Brooklyn College, CUNY), William F. H. Nicolaisen (SUNY Binghamton), T. L. Markey (University of Michigan), and Grace Alvarez-Altman (SUNY Brockport) were among those whose views were expressed. Literary Onomastics is on its way to becoming a scientific approach of literary criticism.

Literary Onomastics at NEMLA

The annual meeting of the North East Modern Language Association, held at Hunter College in New York City, on April 3-5, 1982, included a section on Literary Onomastics chaired by Thalia Phillis Feldman (Canisius College). Although the section was scheduled for the final session on Monday, April 5, nineteen people attended, more than attended such permanent sections as Comparative Medieval Literature and Popular Literature, and such special sessions as Chaucer, Melville, Science Fiction and Fantasy, and Satire. Does this signal a growing interest in the study of names in literature?

Participants included John Shawcross of the University of Kentucky ("A Consideration of Title-Names in the Poetry of Donne and Keats"), Betty Davis of Brooklyn College ("Names and Reality in the First Tale of the Heptameron"), and Robert Butler of Canisius College ("Names and Namelessness in Ellison's Invisible Man").

Officers for the section at the annual meeting for 1983 (to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania) are Paul F. Ferguson (SUNY Brockport), Chair, and Irene Dash (Hunter College, CUNY), Secretary. Anyone interested in reading a paper at the 1983 meeting may submit an abstract or completed paper to

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The American Name Society

Dr. Grace Alvarez-Altman is Program Chairperson for the next Annual Meeting of ANS, to be held December 29-31, 1982, in Los Angeles, California. Please contact her if interested in presenting a paper; she will accept submissions until August 1, 1982.

