

*CARMEN – Co-operative for the Advancement of Research  
through a Medieval European Network*

Annual Meeting, 28-30 September 2007  
Palazzo Vaj (Monash University Centre), Prato\*

**Friday, 28 September 2007 - afternoon**

12:00 *Optional:* Lunchtime business (or preparatory) meetings for project groups. The following restaurants are suggested; groups should arrange this directly.

- Baghino (Via dell'Accademia 9: 5 min walk from the Monash Centre)
- Ars Libandi (Via dell'Accademia 49: 3 min walk from the Monash Centre)
- Tonio (Piazza Mercatale, 134: 5 min walk from the Monash Centre)

14:30 – 16:30 **Closed business meeting** of CARMEN Standing Committee and invited participants (Sala Toscana in Palazzo Vaj).

15:30 onwards **Registration**, Palazzo Vaj  
Reception desk in the Lobby on the first floor, that is above the courtyard, overlooking Via Pugliesi

- indicate special dietary requirements – if any
- reservations for the Sunday afternoon guided tour of Prato

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**Friday, 28 September 2007 - evening**

17:00 *Start of Meeting*

17:15 Palazzo Vaj – Salone (or ‘Grollo Room’):  
Introductions: Prof. dr Dick de Boer (Wetenschappelijk Directeur, Onderzoekschool Mediëvistiek [Nederland & Vlaanderen] & Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)  
*Welcome Session*  
Dr Annamaria Pagliaro (Director, Monash University Prato Centre)  
*Welcome to Prato and an Introduction to the Monash Centre* [10-15 mins]

Dr Anne Scott (Convenor, Australian Research Council Network for Early European Research)  
*The Network for Early European Research* [15-20 mins]

*Introductory Papers*

Prof. Pietro Corrao (Dipartimento di Studi Storici e Artistici, Università di Palermo)  
*Gli studi storici medievali in Italia fra tradizione e innovazione*  
(*Medieval studies in Italy: tradition and innovation*) [15-20 mins]

Dr Simon Forde  
*Brief Introduction to the Aims of the Weekend* [5-10 mins]

18:30 – 19:15 Palazzo Vaj – Terrace:  
*Welcome Cocktail*

19:45 Restaurant Lo Scoglio, Via Verdi 40 (5 minutes’ walk from the Centre):  
*Dinner*  
Choice of two different menus (of which one is vegetarian) for €25 euros, including water, ‘vino della casa’, coffee.

- make selection of menu at time of registration (plus any special dietary needs)

	<i>Vegetarian Menu</i>	<i>Meat Menu</i>
<i>Antipasto</i>	Tris di verdure al forno & Spadellate con bruschetta	Galantina di vitella su misticanza accompagnata da crostini di polenta e bruschette
<i>Bis di primi</i>	Riso agli zucchini & Pasta alla casereccia	Risotto al funghi porcini & Maccheroni alla contadina
<i>Secondo</i>	Omelette al formaggi con patate al forno con verdure	Prosciutto al forno con patate alla ghiotta, spinaci ed insalate di stagione
<i>Dessert</i>	Semifreddo al croccantino	Semifreddo al croccantino
<i>Caffè</i>		
<i>Vino della casa</i>		

## Saturday, 29 September 2007 – morning

07:00 onwards      Breakfast in hotel

09:00                Palazzo Vaj – 3 stalls in the Lobby adjacent to the Salone, 1-2 stalls in the Piccolo Bar, and 5-6 stalls in Breakout Lounges 1 and 2 (behind the Piccolo Bar), Sala Veneziana and Reading Room:

### ***The Market-Place***

*Objective:* Participants are encouraged during this period to ‘go shopping’ and visit stalls which present the projects that were created at Budapest and the new ‘embryonic projects’ which can perhaps grow into fully-fledged projects suitable for major funding applications

*Stallholders include:*

1. Various projects – Centre for Medieval Studies, University of York
2. *Interfaces: Vernacular Voices and Latin Narratives, c. 900-1200*. The cross-fertilization between Latin and Vernacular story-worlds has rarely been thematized – Elizabeth Tyler, York & Lars Boje Mortensen, Bergen & Southern Denmark
3. The Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL)
4. *Cultural Exchanges: England / France / Flanders / Netherlands* – MEDEMS, University of Auckland
5. *UK Medieval Manuscripts Research Consortium* – various projects (‘Geographies of orthodoxy’; ‘Identification of scribes responsible for copying major ME works’; ‘Production and use of English MSS, 1060-1220’; ‘The Vernon MS project’)
6. *Une histoire des cultures latines en Europe médiévale / A History of Latin Cultures in Medieval Europe* – LAMOP, CNRS / Université Paris 1 – Panthéon-Sorbonne
7. *Data and Image Archiving* – Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (DARIAH)
8. *Biblical Cultures* (pursued through individual ‘medieval studies’ components in various disciplines as well as overarching historiographical components. Key focus: biblical reception and cultural perceptions of the Bible - *Centre for the Study of the Cultural Heritage of Medieval Rituals*, University of Copenhagen)
9. *Cuius Regio* (European regions which cross modern-day political boundaries) – Onderzoekschool Mediëvistiek & Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, plus Bochum
10. Various projects – Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Bristol
11. *Multilingual Data-Capture, from incunabula onwards* – Word Pro, Pondicherry

10:30                Palazzo Vaj – Main Bar  
***Tea and coffee break***

**Saturday, 29 September 2007 – late morning and afternoon**

- 11:00 Palazzo Vaj – Salone (or ‘Grollo Room’):  
***Seventh Framework Programme – Lessons and Expertise, Session 1***  
Dr Toby Burrows (Digital Services Director, NEER; Principal Librarian, Scholars’ Centre, University Library, University of Western Australia)  
*‘Confluence’ and Other Platforms for Web-based Collaboration, Designed for Medievalists* [25-30 mins]
- Prof. Neven Budak (Filozofskog fakulteta, Sveučilišta u Zagrebu)  
*‘Submitting “FIRA” [Formation of Identities in the Region between the Adriatic, the Black Sea, and the Baltic] for SSH-2007-5.2.1 on “Histories and Identities – articulating national and European identities”’*  
*Objective:* to present the first CARMEN-supported application to Brussels, to go through the elements of the submission, to share lessons learned, and to offer positive criticism, so that other applications can benefit  
*Resources:* copy of application document.
- 12:30 Palazzo Vaj – Billiard room  
***Buffet lunch***
- 14:00 Palazzo Vaj – Ground Floor (work-groups in Seminar Rooms 1-4 & Studios 4-6)  
***Seventh Framework Programme – Lessons and Expertise, Session 2***  
*Objective:* to form into groups to establish procedures for submitting an FP7 submission, ideally based on groups that expect to make funding submissions  
*Resources:* checklist of possible steps and timelines.
- 15:30 ***Tea and coffee break***
- 16:00 Palazzo Vaj – Ground Floor (work-groups in Seminar Rooms 1-4 & Studios 4-6)  
***Project Work-Groups***  
*Objective:* to form work-groups based on the existing projects or the new ‘embryonic projects’ presented in the Market, with each work-group discussing how to develop their particular project further.

**Saturday, 29 September 2007 – evening**

17:45 Walk together to the Archivio Datini

18:00 *Guided tour of the Archivio Datini*  
(<http://www.istitutodatini.it/gener/home.htm> and  
<http://www.istitutodatini.it/schede/archivio/htm/arc-dat3.htm>)

18:45 *Buffet-reception* in the Archivio Datini

19:30 for 20:00 *Evening meal* at the Restaurant "Cantina del Redi"  
(<http://www.artimino.it/ristoranti.htm#redi>). Proposed menu @ €35 per person:

*Aperitive and starters outdoors:*

Tartine – Pizzette – Sfogliatelle – Cristini misti – Piccole frittiture – Pasta fritta – Insalate rustiche – Succhi di agrumi – Vino bianco

*Dinner indoors:*

Risotto agli asparagi e pecorino;  
Pennette al battuto di anatra;  
Filetto di suino al barco reale;  
Patate al forno e cipolline glassate;  
Sorbetto all'uva di vendemmia  
Caffè  
Vino della tenuta

## Sunday, 30 September 2007 - morning

- 07:00 onwards      Breakfast in hotel
- 09:00                Palazzo Vaj – Salone (or ‘Grollo Room’):  
*Business Session*  
Chair: Dr Mette B. Bruun (Center for Studiet af Kulturarven fra Middelalderens Ritualer, det Teologiske Fakultet, Københavns Universitet)  
*Objectives:* to report on discussions of the CARMEN Standing Committee and seek feedback to any proposals offered by the Committee; to make recommendations about future meeting(s); any other business raised by participants at this meeting.
- 10:00                *Tea and coffee break*
- 10:30                *Round-Table: Summary Reports on the Activities of Participating Bodies*  
Chair: Dr Claire McIlroy (Co-ordinator, NEER)  
*Objective:* for each body represented at Prato to give (within a strict maximum of 5 minutes) a quick oral report of their current activities, particularly the challenges they are confronting, successes that they have achieved, and opportunities for collaboration that they can envisage.
- 12:15                Conclusions, next steps and thanks
- 12:30                Close of meeting
- 13:00                Departure for those with afternoon flights
- 13:00 to 16:00      Lunch and **optional guided tour of Prato**, led by Simona Biagianti (14:30-16:00)  
Proposed tour to comprise:
- Castello dell’Imperatore (a mid-13th century castle built by the Hohenstaufen Emperors)
  - San Francesco Church and Migliorati Chapel (frescoes by Niccolò Gerini)
  - Palazzo Pretorio
  - Sano Stefano Cathedral (Cappella della Cintola; Cappella Maggiore with the frescoes by Filippo Lippi)
  - Palazzo Datini