

THE MAGIC LANTERN SOCIETY NOTICE BOARD

EUROPEAN FUNDING FOR A RESEARCH PROJECT ON NINETEENTH-CENTURY MAGIC LANTERN SLIDES

The research project 'A Million Pictures: Magic Lantern Slide Heritage as Artifacts in the Common European History of Learning', has received funding via the 'Joint Programming Initiative in Cultural Heritage' from the European Commission.

Between June 2015 and May 2018, researchers from the universities of Utrecht (NL), Exeter (UK), Antwerp (BE), Girona (ES) and Salamanca (ES) will carry out research on lantern slides that were used for educative purposes in Europe. In close cooperation with museums, archives, curators, people working in the creative industries, and, of course, collectors, this project will develop a standard for documentation and conservation of magic lantern slides that serves the needs of all possible stakeholders. A number of MLS members are already involved in this research project, representing the various institutions in which they work.

Many libraries and museums have thousands of magic lantern slides in their collections, yet there is no standard procedure for documenting and conserving them. This limits the accessibility of the objects for researchers and other interested parties. The magic lantern slides from the partners' collections will be digitalised and the metadata will be made accessible for further research, probably via the Lucerna database (www.slides.uni-trier.de).

As one of the project's aims is to bring together everyone with an interest in the discussion of standards for the description of lantern slides, many of the planned activities are open to the general public. Interested parties can subscribe to the project newsletter by sending an email to Sarah Dellmann (s.dellmann@uu.nl). The project website (<http://www.uu.nl/a-million-pictures>) will be online from mid-June 2015, giving detailed information on the project's progress and activities.

The Magic Lantern will regularly report on outcomes for MLS members. The first good news is that through its funding decision, the European Commission recognises that lantern slides are a significant part of our cultural heritage. And this in itself is already something to celebrate!

Sarah Dellmann



SALES AND WANTS

I know this is a real long shot, but we are desperately looking for the dissolving mate to this orphan, which is a night view of the Citadel of Cairo with moving caravan. This is the slide we will be using in advertising our tour of Morocco, which should be going ahead in the autumn. The Tour will be entitled 'Le Caravane de Rêves – le Début de l'illusion'. We are interested in purchasing any good quality hand-painted wood-framed slides of the Arab world, Jerusalem, desert scenes, camel trains, mirages, bazaars... I am particularly searching out dissolvers, panoramas, and moving scenes that stay on screen for some time, thus allowing our Moroccan musicians time to play their pieces.

We are also looking for a quality wooden-bodied single lantern with long-reach lenses. We are using a Steward Lantern, which is the biennial version of the Lear triple. In an ideal world it's the equivalent in a single that we really need.

Jerry Butler : Email: jerry_butler@hotmail.com

DIARY DATES

Please take these dates as a guide only and confirm before travelling to any venue.

2015

2 July, 3–5pm

'Soldiers of the Cross – an intermedial performance from 1900' by Dr Martyn Jolly from the Australian National University Utrecht University, Department for Media and Culture

Muntstraat 2A, room 1.11

For more information email Sarah Dellmann: s.dellmann@uu.nl

18 July

Summer meeting

St Luke's Church Hall

Wellsway, Bath BA2 2BD

10 October

Autumn meeting

The Birmingham and Midland Institute

9 Margaret Street

Birmingham B3 3BS

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Borgo (Bloomington, IN, USA)

Hannah Goodwin (Santa Barbara, CA, USA)

Erkki Huhtamo (Los Angeles, CA, USA)

Ben Judd (London, UK)

Sir George Pollock (Bath, UK)

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The Temple of Minerva
reduced from £30.00 to **£20.00**



Realms of Light
reduced from £25.00 to **£15.00**

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and for personal sales at the summer meeting in Bath.