Dear Colleagues and Friends,

we look forward to welcoming you all in Brasilia for the eleventh Symposium Platonicum (4-8 July, 2016). A website has been prepared by our Brasilia Organizing Committee (BOC) at www.plato2016.org. The Call for Papers will be open until September 2nd. Please, take note of two important changes regarding the submission process: the XI Symposium welcomes submissions of abstracts longer than the usual ones, between 800 and 1200 words and submissions will be evaluated through double-blind review system. We are also pleased to announce that three invited speakers have already confirmed: David Sedley (Cambridge), Monique Dixsaut (Paris) and Alberto Bernabé (Madri).

As you may have noticed, the IPS has recently created a mailing list, which aims to provide a new tool for making announcements and sharing information and news about the Society and Plato studies all over the world. All IPS members have been invited to join the list. Everyone is very much welcome to share information. All you need to do is send an email to the address platosociety@googlegroups.com. The group is public, so you can easily read ancient posts at https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/platosociety.
Let us now share further news with you about the life of the IPS since our last Newsletter.

Editorial Board

We have had changes in the Editorial Board. Professor Beatriz Bossi (Madrid) replaced Professor Marcelo Boeri for the Spanish-language Area, and Professor Richard Parry (Atlanta) replaced Professor Lesley Brown for English-language Area. We offer our warmest thanks both to Lesley Brown and Marcelo Boeri for their tireless dedication to our Society over the last few years.

Dissertations Prize

IPS Editorial Committee received 15 submissions for the Conrado Eggers Lan Prize for outstanding dissertations in the field of Platonic studies. Evaluation is being carried out by an ad hoc Committee of 12 members, chosen by the Editorial Committee and coordinated by Franco Ferrari. We are expecting that the winning dissertation will be announced by the end of the year.

Atlanta Midterm Meeting

Our Midterm Meeting was held at Emory University, (Atlanta GA, USA) earlier this year (13-15 March), on Platonic Moral Realism. The meeting was co-sponsored by Emory University, the University of Georgia, and also Agnes Scott College. Professors Richard Parry, Edward Halper and Richard Patterson were outstanding co-organizers, and we are very grateful to them for the warmth and success of the meeting. The Executive Committee had its meeting in Atlanta during our Midterm
Meeting and discussed major policies and activities of IPS, with a special attention to the *XI Symposium Platonicum* to be held next year in Brasilia.

*Plato Journal*

Thanks to an agreement between IPS and Coimbra University Press, one of the oldest academic Publishers (founded in 1537), *Plato journal* now matches the standards of major journals in terms of citation, indexation and access. Furthermore, the journal has now a new layout and it is available both electronic and printed formats. This agreement constitutes thus an important turning point in the history of the journal. The most recent volumes (13 and 14) were published by Coimbra University Press. This would not have been possible without the generous editorship of Francisco Gonzales (Ottawa), who for a long time has directed the journal and has guided it through the transition to its new format, and of Irmgard Männlein-Robert (Tübingen), who contributed enormously with her suggestions and her experience in designing this new phase. Our journal is currently under the editorship of Michael Erler (Würzburg) and Angela Ulacco (Freiburg). We warmly invite all IPS members to contribute to *Plato* with articles and reviews.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all in Brasilia next year.

Our warmest regards,

**Francisco Bravo** (Caracas)

**Gabriele Cornelli** (Brasília)

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