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announces a Symposium Cumanum

to be held at the

Villa Vergiliana, Cumae, Italy

Wednesday, June 20 through Saturday, June 23, 2001

on

The Art of Healing in Antiquity

The "thousand thermal mineral springs" is one of the marvels of Campania appreciated by the ancients and remarked upon by such writers as Giles of Viterbo in his Grand Tour of the area hundreds of years later. Indeed these springs as well as conventional baths were a feature of daily life in antiquity. Roman baths were, of course, frequented not only for purposes of maintaining health and hygiene but also for their therapeutic and medicinal virtues. The arts of medicine and balneology alike involve matters of health and hygiene which have cultural, social, and religious implications. Architectural, artistic, statutory, and mosaic considerations associated with baths and healing temples are also embraced as lying within the topic of the conference. Dreams too are the placebo of antiquity in the practice of healing.

In June 2001 the Vergilian Society will present a four-day symposium on "The Art of Healing in Antiquity." The topic is being interpreted widely to include all facets of Medicine and Balneology. The conference will include all aspects of ancient medicine and, in addition, all aspects of ancient baths, including the architecture, art, mosaics, and statues associated with them, as well as their social, practical, and cultural features and their descriptions in ancient literature. Since dreams are also important in antiquity in the practice of healing, the religious and philosophic explanations of reputed cures and dreams will also be considered.

There will be general discussion at morning and afternoon sessions following presentations by selected panelists and respondents. Speakers will include classicists, field archaeologists, historians and specialists in the study of ancient medicine. Italian and English will be the languages of the conference. The conference will be held at the celebrated Villa Vergiliana, overseas headquarters and academic center of The Vergilian Society. The Conference organizers are: Professor Patricia A. Johnston (Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA) and Professor Raymond J. Clark (Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada).

Abstracts are due by April 1, 2001

Abstracts and reservations should be sent to

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Submitters should indicate length of time required for presentation (from 10 to 30 minutes), audiovisual needs (Slide projector, Overhead projector, VCR, etc.), address, telephone number, and FAX number and/or e-mail address if available. Abstracts and registration should be received no later than 30 April 2001.

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Other charges (not required): Lodging (includes 4 American breakfasts and 3 dinners) at the Villa Vergiliana: shared room: U.S.\$5 per diem; dinner (no lodging) U.S.\$10 per diem. Payment terms: 10% due by 30 April 2001; balance by 20 June 2001.

Checks should be addressed to "The Vergilian Society", enclosed with completed registration form, and mailed to:

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