

Forum

Sirs:

I have recently come across your journal *Olifant* at the University of British Columbia, and I am quite interested in the work of some of the structuralists in the Société Rencesvals. My own research has recently been focused on a medieval epic from Southern India. I have been working on a series of analytic essays dealing with its structure and some of the basic thematic elements that underlie it and other similar epics from this region. My training is largely in structuralism and in anthropology rather than in literature, but I feel that there is certainly a lot to be gained from discussions that span these two fields. . . .

I would appreciate your putting me in contact with others interested in analysis of medieval epic material . . . as a source of stimulus for some of my own research. In turn, I would be glad to provide some kind of cross-cultural perspective with reference to the Indian epic, if that would be of interest to any members of your group at some point.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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1978 International Rencesvals Meetings

The Eighth International Congress of the Société Rencesvals will open on August 15, 1978, at Roncevaux, to commemorate the twelve-hundredth anniversary of the Battle of Roncevaux. The presentation of papers will take place initially at Pampelona, and then the participants will make a journey by bus along the pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela, where the rest of the paper presentations will take place. The Spanish Branch of the Société Rencesvals has already begun the organization of this meeting, in collaboration with "Los Amigos del Camino de Santiago" de Estella (Navarra). The congress will have three themes: 1) Roncevaux et la *Chanson de Roland*; 2) Les chansons de geste et le Chemin de Saint-Jacques; 3) Autres thèmes. Persons attending the meeting and making the pilgrimage will be lodged in university residences and hotels. Those who wish to present a paper should send the proposed title to: Martin de Riquer, Real Academia de Buenas Letras, Obispo Cassador 3, BARCELONA 2, Spain. For information on the logistics of the conference, address all communication to: Francisco Beruete, Los Amigos del Camino de Santiago, Apartado 20, ESTELLA (Navarra), Spain.