

SYMPOSIUM CUMANUM

**"Balneology and the Art of  
Healing in Antiquity"**

Wednesday, June 20 through Saturday, June  
23, 2001

Villa Vergiliana, Cuma/Baia, Napoli, Italy

Sponsored by The Vergilian Society, Brandeis University,  
and

The Department of Classics and the College of Humanities  
at the

University of Arizona, Tucson

Symposium Directors: Patricia A. Johnston and Raymond J.  
Clark

**Wednesday, 20 June**

10:00 am

CEREMONIES AND WELCOME:

A. JOHNSTON, Brandeis University and

Director, The Vergilian Society

Session I:

*Baths of the Ancient World*

Chair: Marilyn Skinner, President, The Vergilian Society

RAYMOND J. CLARK, Memorial University, St. Johns,  
Newfoundland, Canada,

Bathing on the Shore of Lake Avernus" (30 min.)

JOHN SCARBOROUGH, School of Pharmacy and Department of  
Classics, University of

Wisconsin at Madison, "Galen at the Baths" (30 min.)

OPENING

PATRICIA

Symposia

The

"Thermal

RALPH JACKSON, British Museum, London, "Roman Healers in Art: Reality or Aspiration?"

*Session II.*  
*Archaeology and the Evidence for Bathing.*

Chair: Giuliana Tocca, Soprintendenze di Salerno, Benevento e Avellino,

and

Honorary President in Italy, Vergilian Society

GARRETT G. FAGAN, Dept. of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies,

Pennsylvania State University, "Medicinal Bathing in Celsus and Pliny the Elder"

DAVID C. A. HILLMAN, University of Wisconsin, Madison,

"Bathing

the Elderly: Galen's Geriatrics"

DAVID SOREN University of Arizona, Tucson, read by ANNALISA MARZANO,

Columbia University, "The *Fontes Clusini* of Horace: Does it Exist?"

TANA J. ALLEN, University of Alberta, Canada,

"Roman

Healing Spas: the Peutinger Table Revisited"

**Thursday, June 21**

Session III. Keynote Address. Chair: Baldassare Conticello

HEINRICH VON STADEN, Institute for Advanced Study,  
Princeton,  
"Reading  
as Therapy: Literacy and the Practice of Ancient Medicine"  
(50 min.)

Session IV. *Medicine and Bathing in Ancient Latin Literature*

Chair: Raymond J. Clark, Memorial University, and Trustee,  
Vergilian Society

PATRICIA A. JOHNSTON, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
"The  
Plague in Vergil's Third *Georgic*"

REGINE CHAMBERT, Paris IV - Sorbonne, France,  
"Travel  
and health in Seneca's Letters"

J. J. L. SMOLENAARS, University of Amsterdam, the  
Netherlands,  
"Amnis  
esse coepi: The Conversion of the River (god) Vulturnus in  
Statius, *Silvae* IV.3."

LAURENT PERNOT, L'Université de Strasbourg II,  
"Balneoterapia, psicoterapia e logoterapia nei *Discorsi Sacri*  
di Elio Aristide."

JEAN D'AMATO THOMAS, Louisiana Scholars' College,  
Northwestern State University of

Louisiana, "Parma, Biblioteca Palatina, Fondo  
Palatino 236. A Scarcely Recognized Fourteenth-century  
Manuscript of Peter of Eboli's *De Balneis Terre laboris*."

LAWRENCE K. BLIQUEZ, University of Washington, Seattle,  
Washington,  
"The Name and Functions of So-called 'Cyathiscomele' "  
(read by  
title only)

**Friday, June 22**

Session V: EXCURSION to Castello di Baia

PAOLA MINIERO, Soprintendenza di Napoli e Caserta

"Baia:

la villa romana inglobata nel 'maschio' del Castello Aragonese"

GIANFRANCO DE ROSSI, "The Historical and Archaeological Issues of the Misenum

Springs and Balnea in Late Antiquity and the Medieval Ages"; and

*Tour of the Castello di Baia*

Session VI: From the Mysteries to Psychotherapy

R. DREW GRIFFITH, Queen's University, Canada, "Near-Death Experience and the

Eleusinian Mysteries: Anabiosis as Psychotherapy in Ancient Greece"

ANNIE BERNER-HÜRBIN, Szondi Institut, Zürich, Switzerland,

"The

Hippocratic Art of Healing"

MARGARET A. BRUCIA, American Academy in Rome and Earl L. Vandermeulen High School,

New York, "To Sleep, Perchance to Dream: Literary Allusions to Pre-Aesculapian

Incubation in Rome"

BARBARA WEIDEN BOYD, Bowdoin College,

"The (Snake) Doctor is In: Ovid on the Arrival of Aesculapius in Rome."

ALAN POWERS, "Philosophy and Medicine in the Age of Giordano Bruno."

**Saturday, June 23**

Session VI: Baths and Bathing Chair: John Scarborough

JANET DELAINE, University of Reading, UK, "Baths and Bathing in late Roman Ostia"

A. G. THEIN, University of Pennsylvania, "Sulla's Healing Violence."

M. BARBARA REEVES, State University of New York, Buffalo,  
"Is There a Slave in the Bath?"

RAFFAELE GIAMMINELLI and ROSARIO DI BONITA,  
"Topographia dei Bagni di Pozzuoli"