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The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (GPMR) was founded in October 2004 on the initiative of Prof. Dr. Jan A. Aertsen and with the participation of nearly every university professor of medieval or renaissance philosophy in the German-speaking realm.

The GPMR has developed into a lively forum for exchange on medieval Arabic, Byzantine and Latin as well as Renaissance philosophy, representing these fields before the professional and general public. It has also been accredited by the German Philosophical Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie).

The goal of the society is to promote scholarship in the field of medieval and renaissance philosophy, particularly within the German-speaking realm. It is furthermore concerned to create a competent professional presence both within the scientific domain and for an interested public, for example, through regular academic conferences.

It assists with the institutional support of those who are not members of or associated with an academic institution and cooperates with national and international organizations.

The office and headquarters of the society is located in Cologne. The Chairperson is Prof. Dr. Matthias Perkams (Jena). Vice Chairperson is Prof. Dr. Isabelle Mandrella (Munich). The board also includes Prof. Dr. Rolf Darge (Salzburg), JProf. Dr. Andreas Lammer (Trier), Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Andreas Speer (Cologne), Anna-Katharina Strohschneider, M.A. (Würzburg) as well as Prof. Dr. Maarten J.F.M. Hoenen (Basel) as Treasurer and Dr. Thomas Jeschke (Cologne) as Secretary.

Since its inception, the society has held annual meetings. These have been conducted under the title Dies Quodlibetalis since 2008 and take the following form: In an afternoon session, members come together to discuss a question relevant to our entire field of research; on the following morning, new projects and publications are presented, followed by a general assembly.

Thus far eleven Dies Quodlibetalis meetings have taken place: 2008 in Cologne, 2009 in Würzburg, 2010 in Jena, 2011 in Freiburg/Br., 2012 in Salzburg, 2013 in Bonn, 2014 in Munich, 2015 in Cologne, 2016 in Frankfurt/M., 2017 in Jena and 2018 in Basel.

In addition to these meetings, the society seeks wherever possible to support further events related to Medieval and Renaissance thought. Specific themes – currently, for example, practical philosophy – are addressed in detail in dedicated workshops.

All working within the field of Medieval and Renaissance philosophy, in its various languages and cultures, are welcome as members – whether established scholars, junior researchers, academic institutions, or interested persons from neighbouring disciplines.