

## Editorial

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### American Name Society Bulletin

The American Name Society (ANS) publishes the *ANS Bulletin* twice a year, which contains articles and informational updates about the Society and its members. Dr Luisa Caiazzo (University of Naples) is the new ANS Secretary and Editor of the *ANS Bulletin*. The current issue (Spring 2016) contains useful information about the following topics:

- (1) ANS 2017 conference (January 5–8, 2017, Austin, TX)
- (2) Update from the President (Dr Iman Nick)
- (3) ANS online
- (4) 2016 ANS annual conference in Washington, DC
- (5) Onomastic research worldwide
- (6) *In Memoriam* (W. F. H. “Bill” Nicolaisen [1927–2016] and Dwan Shipley [1947–2016])
- (7) ANS Executive Council for 2016, and
- (8) Editor’s Message.

Members of the ANS receive the *Bulletin* as one of the many benefits of the Society. Here is the link to the issue: <http://www.americannamesociety.org/american-name-society-spring-newsletter>.

In the current issue of the *Bulletin* (p. 4), there is an article about the ANS website (<http://www.americannamesociety.org>), which is reproduced here.

Last year, following the 2015 ANS Conference, Lisa Spira (Information Officer) began working on the new website, in conjunction with Iman Nick (ANS President) and Jennifer Moss (Website Designer).

Their accomplishment is truly valuable, both graphics and content are enticing. There is a great deal for name scholars, students, and enthusiasts to enjoy! The news items, posted almost daily, include member news, calls for papers, conference information, articles posted by media outlets, journal information, onomastic research, and Name of the Year information.

As of December 24, 2015, there were 299 posts, 14,950 views, and 5,671 visitors! Definitely rewarding and more than encouraging!

A second story (pp. 4–5), authored by Dr Mirko Casagrande (Executive Council Member at Large, University of Calabria, Italy), in the current *ANS Bulletin* addresses the updating of the ANS Wikipedia entry, and it is reproduced here.

In order to further modernize the American Name Society and promote its visibility online, it was recently decided to update the ANS Wikipedia page. An ad hoc Committee was appointed last February with the specific aim of rewriting some of the pre-existing ANS Wikipedia sections and adding in quite a few new sections. The Committee is coordinated by Mirko Casagrande and includes Jan Tent and Sandra Wright, who all volunteered to be part of the project.

Together with the ANS President, Iman Nick, the Committee agreed to include the following sections: Nature and Mission of the ANS; History of the ANS; Members of the Executive Council; A General Introduction to Onomastics; *NAMES: A Journal of Onomastics*; Past and future conferences of the ANS; Special panels in other conferences; A History of Names of the Year; Important ANS Contacts; and External links. While the first draft is still under preparation, the Committee would like to request information from members, past and present. If any member of the American Name Society would like to suggest other sections to be added or would be willing to share a particular piece of information to be included in the abovementioned sections, please feel free to contact either ANS President, Iman Nick ([mavi.yaz@web.de](mailto:mavi.yaz@web.de)); the Information Officer, Lisa Radding Spira ([lisarospira@gmail.com](mailto:lisarospira@gmail.com)); or the Committee Coordinator, Mirko Casagrande ([mirko.casagrande@unical.it](mailto:mirko.casagrande@unical.it)).

The ANS Executive Council truly believes in team work and any suggestion would be highly appreciated! The new ANS Wikipedia webpage is expected to be online later on this spring. Since Wikipedia can be updated constantly, the committee will be periodically reviewing this site. If in the future any member of the Society would like to have something added, please send the material along for consideration and possible inclusion.

## Thomson Reuters Impact Factors

Thomson Reuters has released its impact factor for the journals in the Thomson Reuters 2016 Journal Citation Reports®. *Names: A Journal of Onomastics* has an impact factor of 0.171 for 2015. We look forward to seeing this number increase annually.

## Talking Points

Routledge/Taylor & Francis has an on-line feature entitled "Talking Points", which discusses cutting-edge ideas in language and linguistics. It features selected articles from *Names* with free access to them until the end of May of 2017. There are two themes: (1) The Power of Names (5 articles), and (2) Metaphor (2 articles). Here is the link for Talking Points: <http://explore.tandfonline.com/page/ah/talking-points>. It is also possible to sign up for a free newsletter for Language and Linguistics Email Newsletters as well.