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Dear Ron,

It was pleasant to see you again at Exeter, even though we didn't get much chance of conversation. That congress seemed to be over with faster than any other I can remember.

However, I'm now writing about the Anglo-Catalan conference, which we shall have to start planning. I think that we should hold it as last year, in Westfield, with lunch in the Andalucia, and every member finding his own accommodation. That is, assuming you still approve of the Andalucia, that Alan is willing to provide Westfield, and help with booking lunch, and that you don't have alternative preferences.

The main problem is, of course, speakers. Last year we concentrated on the period 1868-1931; this year I would like to concentrate on an earlier period, 1213-1387. You spoke on Muntaner two years ago, I think; but there are several people who haven't spoken ~~xxxxxxx~~ for some time and who could well speak on this period :

Paul ; Pring-Mill ; Brian ; Frank Pierce ;

and also some historians, who have rarely come, but who might be brought into the society with a couple of historical talks :-

Peter Linehan, St. John's College, Cambridge : on religious reform in the Catalan church in the 13th century.

Alan Forey, Dept. of History, Durham : Templars in Aragon.

Donald Matthew, Dept. of History, Durham: Catalan Courts.

Peter Rycraft, Dept. of History, York : Catalan diplomacy (I think)

In other words, old-timers doing literature and new ones doing history (I can't think of any new ones doing lit. Can you ?) I would suggest two from each group. Can you write and ask them?

Finally, in case I forget later, could those who ~~xxx~~ express their intention of coming to the conference be given a list of local hotels (with prices) and a sketch street-plan of the environs of Westfield ? I imagine Alan could get one of these from the Westfield office without difficulty.

All best wishes,

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