



Dear Colleagues,

This is the Third Circular of the 27th International Congress of Papyrology, to be held at the University of Warsaw, Poland, between 29 July and 3 August 2013.

First and foremost we would like to inform you that the President of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Bronisław Komorowski has graciously granted his honorary patronage to our Congress. We are grateful to the Polish authorities for this sign of appreciation of the international papyrological community.

Registration and Fee

Please be reminded that that the online registration has already begun and will remain open until the end of March 2013. The organizers are very much aware of the economic challenges facing many participants and every effort has been made to keep registration fees as low as possible. The deadline for the submission of Congress fees is 31 May 2013. However, the participants are encouraged to make their payments at their earliest convenience since the Congress fees cover part of the organizational expenditures.

Please note that all payments should be made either using credit card through the *Dotpay* service (the link to the payment form is generated automatically during the registration and sent in a separate e-mail), or via bank transfer. All necessary details concerning fee and registration form can be found in previous circulars as well as at the Congress website: (<http://www.papyrocongress2013.wpia.uw.edu.pl/registration.htm>).

Abstracts

The deadline for the abstract submission is 28 February 2013. Abstracts should contain no more than 300 words. Since the abstracts will also be published, we strongly recommend that authors whose abstracts are submitted not in their native language to have the text professionally proofread before presenting.

The Programme

At the moment we are only able to present a preliminary information concerning the Congress Programme. The detailed Programme shall be available on Congress website shortly after the closing date for abstract submissions.

There are six main sessions planned during the Congress (two for each day). The sessions shall be grouped according to the following chronological and thematic order: *Ptolemaic Egypt, Roman Egypt, Late-Antique/Byzantine Egypt, Coptic and Arab Egypt, Juristic Papyrology, Literary Papyri*.



Each day will begin with a general meeting during which key speakers will address the public with their personal view on the most important developments in the field they represent. As already mentioned in the Second Circular, the following scholars have generously accepted our invitation:

- Willy Clarysse, Sandra Lippert, Dorothy Thompson: *Ptolemaic Egypt*
- Dominic Rathbone, Andrea Jördens: *Roman Egypt*
- Jean-Luc Fournet, Bernhard Palme, Ewa Wipszycka: *Late-Antique/Byzantine Egypt*
- Federico Morelli, Petra Sijpesteijn, Jacques van der Vliet: *Coptic and Arab Egypt*
- José Luis Alonso, Józef Méléze Modrzejewski, Tonio Sebastian Richter: *Juristic Papyrology*
- Guillermo Cavallo, Dirk Obbink, Jerzy Danielewicz, Peter van Minnen: *Literary Papyri*.

The general lectures shall be followed by regular sessions.

Accommodation

There is a wide variety of accommodation options available in the vicinity of Congress venue. As it was stated in the second circular the organizers have booked rooms and negotiated special rates for Congress participants in several hotels, ranging from exclusive to tourist class. In the closest surrounding of the University of Warsaw there is also a variety of hostels. Additional information, maps, registration forms and links are available on the Congress website. The participants are advised to make their reservation early as the number of pre-booked rooms is limited – once they are all taken we still might be able to book some rooms, yet we need to know that as soon as possible. This especially concerns participants wishing to stay at the University Guest-house Hera (that offers housing for the University guests and thus offers a special price for the Congress participants). The participants willing to stay at Hera are kindly asked to contact the Congress Secretary, Dr Maria Nowak: papyrocongress2013@uw.edu.pl.

Excursions

As it was stated in the Second Circular we have envisaged two post-Congress excursions. Please indicate your interest in attending any of the trips proposed below when registering and we will subsequently be in contact with you regarding final costs and arrangements. The deadline for the application is 15th April 2013. The trips will be organized only if enough participants will apply.



Warsaw/Varsovie 2013

1. Trip to Cracow and Wieliczka (3-4 August 2013)

Departure from Warsaw:	3 August 2013 (Saturday) ca. 1 p.m.
Return to Warsaw:	4 August 2013 (Sunday) ca. 9 p.m.
Transport:	train
Accommodation for 1 night:	hotel in Cracow
Programme:	walking tour around the Medieval Old Town of Cracow; visit to the Wieliczka Salt Mine (both listed by UNESCO as the World Heritage Sites)
Approximate cost:	150 euro (the price includes travel expenses, accommodation and breakfast, museum tickets; other meals are at participants' own expenses)
http://www.krakow.pl/english/visit_krakow/2601_glowna.html ; http://www.wieliczka-saltmine.com/?_utma=1.1649348282.1351513017.1351513017.1351513017.1&_utmb=1.1.10.1351513017&_utmc=1&_utmz=1.1351513017.1.1.u	

2. Trip to Toruń, Gdańsk and Malbork (3–5 August 2013)

Departure from Warsaw:	3 August 2013 (Saturday) ca. 1 p.m.
Return to Warsaw:	5 August 2013 (Monday) ca. 9 p.m.
Transport:	bus or minibus (depending on the number of participants)
Accommodation for 2 nights:	hotels in Toruń and Gdańsk
Programme:	walking tours around the Medieval Old Towns of Toruń and Gdańsk, visit to the Castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork (all included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites list); if weather conditions are favorable, on the return trip to Warsaw there is a possibility to organize a short ship cruise on one of the Masurian Lakes
Approximate cost:	200 euro – the price may vary depending on the number of participants (the price includes travel expenses, accommodation and breakfast, museum tickets; other meals are at participants' own expenses)
http://www.it.torun.pl/kategoria-139-English.html ; http://www.en.gdansk.gda.pl/ ; http://www.zamek.malbork.pl/index.php?lang=en ; http://masurianlakedistrict.com/	

We sincerely hope that you will be able to join us for the 27th International Congress of Papyrology and we look forward to welcoming you to Warsaw in July and August, 2013.