

Dear colleagues,

The call for the round table proposals for the international congress Belgrade 2016, that we sent last week to all the national committees, met a good welcome, followed by suggestions that the mentioned deadline should be prolonged a bit or substantially. After the consultations made with the bureau of the AIEB and within our national committee we would like to kindly inform you on the following:

– National committees may send their thematic proposals and suggestions for round tables, in an unlimited number, accompanied or not with the names of chairs, until the December 31 2012;

– The organizer, the national committee of Serbia, following the previously outlined proposal for the main theme of the future congress that had been announced in a way at the meeting of Samokov, has decided to propose as the main theme the following title: "The Byzantine World in Change", followed by a motto: "Πάντα μὲν γὰρ μεταβάλλεται, ἀπόλλυται δὲ οὐδέν. (M. Planoudes);

– The proposals for the round tables could be adjusted to this general framework, but a different approach will also be welcomed;

– The organizer would appreciate very much if the suggestions regarding the scientific profile of the congress, made or not with a reference to the previous congresses, arrive us by the end of the August. Namely, we need the opinions regarding the number and the purpose of the plenary sessions, the profile of the round tables and panels, the number, profile and level of the free communication sessions... We would also like to know your opinion on should a review of the application for a free communication be introduced or not, etc... Generally, the suggestions regarding the scientific profile of the congress will be very useful if arrive before the meeting of the members of the AIEB bureau with our organizing committee that is planned for the beginning of the September. It is not necessary the suggestions for the scientific profile of the future congress to be a unanimous or formal decision of the each national committee, we will welcome a diversity of the opinions.

We would also like to use the opportunity to wish you all a pleasant summer vacation, accompanied with the reflections on the future congress.

With cordial respect,
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