Dear Colleagues,

The Serbian Organizing Committee hereby would like to inform you that the respected members of the AIEB Bureau, Prof. J. Koder, Prof. A. Markopoulos and Prof. M. Kaplan, visited Belgrade from the 5th to the 7th of September in order to meet with the Organizing Committee of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade 2016. The main theme of the meeting was the organization of the future congress and primarily the profile and structure of the program.

Several national committees were kind enough to send us their suggestions on the matter before the meeting with the Bureau, which were very helpful. We would be grateful if other national committees would offer their suggestions for the program in the weeks to come.

The structure of the program was discussed based on ideas that were circulated among the byzantinists following the Sofia Congress, and will be announced by the end of September. This announcement will concern the number and character of plenary sessions, roundtables and free communications. This is expected to be helpful for national committees concerning their future proposals for roundtables. All proposals should be addressed to the organizer and submitted by the end of the year, according to the letter of the Organizing Committee circulated last spring.

Sincerely, Serbian National Committee for Byzantine Studies Srdjan Pirivatrić Secretary