

Dear Colleagues,

Following a meeting between the Organizing Committee of the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies Belgrade 2016 and the members of the AIEB Bureau held in Belgrade on 5-7th September, and drawing upon the proposals and suggestions that were kindly conveyed to us by some national committees, we would like to inform you of the profile and structure of the congress program.

We followed the excellent template developed by organizers of previous international congresses of Byzantine studies. You will note, however, that some changes have been introduced scoping to enable as much scientific discussion as possible.

Information on the profile and structure of the 23rd congress Belgrade 2016

Date.

The 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies is convoked for 22-27 August 2016 in Belgrade.

Main theme.

The main theme of the congress is:

“Byzantium – A World of Changes” / “Byzance – un monde des changements”.

The motto of the congress is:

“Πάντα μὲν γὰρ μεταβάλλεται, ἀπόλλυται δὲ οὐδέν” (Ovid by Planoudes).

Plenary papers.

There will be 6 to 8 session units, each with one main speaker, one or two commentators and discussion.

Papers should be published in advance on the website of the congress.

The main speakers should present a summary of their papers in 15-20` and commentators in 15`, leaving 30` for plenary discussion. The overall duration of a plenary session should be 60-70 min.

Speakers and commentators should be proposed by the Serbian Committee in cooperation with the Bureau and approved at the inter-congress meeting. The national committees will be informed on the proposals before the meeting.

Round tables.

There will be up to 36 round tables with a maximum of 10 participants at each.

The papers should be published in advance at the website of the congress, previously prepared by conveners.

Conveners should give a general statement on the goal of a RT and on the contents of the papers. The participants shall present summaries in up to 10` each. Then the topic of the RT will be discussed between the participants and the public present. The overall duration of a RT should be up to 2 h.

Themes and conveners should be proposed by national committees and then selected by organizers. It would be welcomed if the proposals followed the main theme of the congress, but they may except from it as well.

There is no prescribed limits regarding the age and experience of proposed conveners. A welcome profile may be two conveners for a RT: a mature and a younger scholar, or vice versa. The most important criteria for accepting a proposed RT theme will regard its scholarly value and interest for the field of byzantine studies.

Free communications and Posters.

The proposals of the themes with a summary of up to 300 words should be sent to the organizers who will decide on acceptance.

The deadline for sending the proposals for RT by national committees is the end of 2012.

The deadline for sending the proposals for free communications will be announced later.

Belgrade, 27. September 2012

Organizing Committee