28th International Congress of Papyrology

Barcelona 2016
Dear friends and colleagues,

This is the fourth and last circular of the 28th International Congress of Papyrology, which contains practical information regarding the location of the Congress activities, the development of its academic sessions and the social events which will take place during the week of the Congress.

The City and the Congress

Upon arrival at Barcelona airport you will find the Airbus service running from Terminals 1 and 2 to Plaça Catalunya, or you may decide to take the train from terminal A to Sants Estació. Whether you get to the city centre by Airbus or by train at Sants Estació, the Ciutadella Campus of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra is easily reachable by tube at the Ciutadella-Vila Olimpica stop in Line 4 (yellow line).

Barcelona has a Mediterranean climate, and August is normally very warm and humid. Although the Congress rooms and the University canteen will be air-conditioned, we advise participants to bring light clothing, hats, fans, etc and to use sun protection. The city centre will be very busy at this time of the year, and we recommend participants to pay special attention to their belongings when frequenting crowded areas, cafés and terraces.

At the end of the programme book you will be given upon registration at the Congress front desk, there will be a list of useful phone numbers, and within your registration bag you will find information about the city provided by the Tourism Board of Barcelona.

Academic sessions and University facilities

Registration for the Congress will start Monday 1 August at 8.30 am at the Congress front desk and will carry on until Tuesday afternoon, after which time participants wishing to register should go to the secretary of the Congress office. The Congress office will be open from Monday to Friday from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. May we request participants to address their queries to the Congress assistants about any particular matters at the established times (you will find in any case an emergency telephone number in the list of useful numbers).

The Congress taking place during the first week of August in the neighbourhood of the beach, we do not expect the restaurant supply in the area to be enough to meet the catering needs of all participants during the time scheduled for lunch (1.30-3.00 pm). This is why we encourage
the use of the University canteen, which will be open every day from 7.45 am to 5.00 pm and will provide lunch for a special price for participants.

Sessions will take place in the following rooms, equipped with PC’s with internet connection, audio and video facilities and a projector: Room Hatshepsut (40.012), Room Arsinoe (40.010), Room Berenice (40.008), Room Cleopatra (40.006) and Room Theodora (40.004). Speakers using Ppoint are advised to bring their presentations in a USB device, and to convert Macintosh archives into a format compatible with PC’s. There will also be a work room, Room (40.002), available to all participants during the days of the Congress and equipped with wi-fi and sockets.

We will provide internet access in the University premises to all participants, but we will not be able to provide copies of handouts for the participants’ presentations. We strongly encourage the use of our web site to save paper: “be digital, save the forest”. From now to Friday 29 July we will accept your handouts at papyrologia@upf.edu and make them available at the Congress web page, where they will be easily accessible to everybody for download and direct consultation even at the time of your presentation. However, within the University premises it will be possible to use a photocopy service at your own expense. This can be done at the Ricoh desk (see plan of Ciutadella Campus below) from 9.00 to 2.00 pm, or via internet, through: https://www.upf.edu/bibtic/en/informatica/impressions/index_impressio.html, where you will find the instructions to use the machine and pay for the copies yourself.

As in the Warsaw Congress, the Barcelona Congress will use the Geneva system to manage times during the speakers’ interventions. Each paper is assigned 30 minutes, the first 20 of which are devoted to the speaker’s presentation, and the last 10 to questions and debate with the audience. After the 20 minutes of your presentation have concluded, the chair of the session will pass you a green card to let you know that your speaking time has ended. If you continue speaking, five minutes later the chair will pass you a yellow card, to warn you that you are speaking at the expense of the time reserved to debate your paper. If you reach the 30 minutes assigned in total to your paper and you have not finished your presentation, the chair will pass you a red card to invite you to immediately leave the desk. Please bear in mind that the organisation of the Congress is explicitly asking chairs of sessions to be strict with time administration, so that we can keep the timing of different sessions and papers, thus allowing participants to change rooms swiftly and make the most of the academic richness of the papers presented.

Social events

Please bear in mind that you will need your participant identification badge (or your guest one) in order to be admitted to all social events, especially the farewell dinner on Friday 5 August.

The institutional welcoming on Monday 1 August will take place at the Auditori of the Campus de la Ciutadella at 7.00 pm (click on 1 map 1), and will be followed by a reception at the Roger de Llúria courtyard (see plan of Ciutadella Campus below).
On Wednesday afternoon 3 August participants will be arranged into four groups to visit the exhibition Las Flores del Faraón (click on 2 map 1), starting at 4.00 pm, and allowing 40 minutes for each group. Whilst the first two groups visit the exhibition from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm, the other two groups will have the chance to visit the Museu d’Història de Barcelona (click on 2 map 1); the MUHBA has agreed to offer the entrance to the participants free of charge. From 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm, the groups that have visited the Exhibition will visit the MUHBA, and vice versa. Upon registration at the Congress front desk you will be asked to join one of the four groups, so that we can organise the visits on Wednesday. Bear in mind, however, that the papyrus exhibition - unlike the MUHBA visit – is always free of charge and will be open every day of the week except Monday. The European Institute of the Mediterraean, that has organised the exhibition and the visits on Wednesday, will offer the Catalogue of the exhibition at the reduced price of 25€. The volumes will be available at the Congress Secretary during the days of the Congress.

On Thursday 4 August, we will meet at the entrance of the Ajuntament de Barcelona (click on 3 map 1) at 7.15 pm for the reception offered. A guided tour of the historical building will precede the official speeches, and the event will end with a reception. Because of safety protocols there is a limited capacity for this event; therefore we will ask you whether you wish to attend this reception at the time of your registration. Please make sure to state so if you want to reserve a place for yourself (and your accompanying person).

On Friday 5 August, the farewell dinner will take place at La Llotja building (click on 4 map 1), the ancient city market of medieval Barcelona. Drinks will be served at the courtyard at 8.00 pm, and will be followed by dinner at 9.00 pm.

**AIP General Assembly**

The AIP General Assembly will take place on Saturday 6 August from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. As it is customary, obituaries will be presented in the course of the Assembly. Those of you wishing to deliver a tribute to our late colleagues are asked to let the organizers know. Should you like to accompany the obituary with a photograph, please send it to us in advance.

**Optional tours**

Those joining the tour to Tarragona are asked to gather in front of the UPF main entrance at 12.00 pm, when the AIP General Assembly will end. A bus will collect us there to start the trip to Tarragona. After lunch, the Tourism Board of Tarragona has offered us a guided tour to significant spots of the ruins of Roman Tarraco, after which a short time will be allowed for a snack (at your own expense) before the Triumph representation starts at 9.30 pm at the Roman amphitheatre, for which the Tourism Board has offered us tickets at a special price, which is included in your trip fare. After the representation ends, at around 11.00 pm, we will return to Barcelona, where the bus will leave us at the same spot of the departure.
The tour to Empúries and Ullastret will happen Sunday 7 August. Departure time is 9.00 am in front of the UPF main entrance. A guided tour to the ruins of the Greek and Roman cities of Empúries will take place in the morning. After lunch, the bus will take us to Ullastret, where we will also enjoy a guided visit to the remains of the Iberian settlement. We will be back in Barcelona at the departure spot at around 9.00 pm.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Barcelona very soon, and we hope that our stay together will be as academically profitable as personally enjoyable.

MAP 1

1- Universitat Pompeu Fabra
2- Las Flores del Faraón Exhibition (Archivo de la Corona de Aragón) – MUHBA
3- Ajuntament de Barcelona
4- Llotja de Barcelona (Farewell dinner)