28th International Congress of Papyrology
Barcelona 2016
Dear Colleagues,

This is the Second Circular of the 28th International Congress of Papyrology, to be held at the University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, between 1 and 6 August 2016. In the first place, the organizing committee would like to thank the enthusiasm with which the papyrological community has welcomed the preparation of this edition of the Congress in Barcelona. This second circular is intended to provide information of special interest to the participants in the Congress.

Accommodation
There are several hotels representing a selection of standards in the neighbourhood of the Congress venue. The organizers have negotiated special rates for Congress participants in some of them, but please note that these are subject to availability at the time the request is made. Information, links and registration forms are available on the Congress website. Participants are encouraged to book early in order to ensure the accommodation of their choice.

Sessions
As announced in the first circular, five days of sessions will be scheduled, leaving Wednesday afternoon free. The sixth day will be reserved for the General Assembly of the AIP and devoted to obituaries and a general discussion of current problems in our discipline. Papers will be presented in one of the following languages: English, French, German, and Italian and will be restricted to only one paper per person, including shared communications. We encourage the use of posters for work-in-progress presentations.

There will be two plenary sessions, at the opening and the closure of the Congress, and five parallel sessions with 20 minutes papers, followed by a 10 minute discussion. The number and subject matter of panels are yet to be determined according to the proposals admitted. We remind participants that the deadline for abstract submission is 28 February and that it should be done online from our webpage.

We are very pleased to announce that the president of the AIP, Andrea Jördens, has accepted to address the papyrological community in the inaugural plenary session. The closing plenary session will take the form of a round table in which several participants will reflect on the boundaries of our discipline from different perspectives, and where participation from the public will be welcome.
Poster presentations
Participants will also have the opportunity to present posters. Posters may be autonomous contributions or complement a paper, and may be presented by individual researchers or research teams. Dimensions must be: height max. 2 m x width max. 1 m. They will be displayed in the common areas close to the conference rooms for the duration of the Congress. Poster proposals should be submitted to the organization of the Congress in the same way as abstracts, and, once they are accepted, posters should be delivered not later 1 August 2016, when they may be handed in at the administration desk of the Congress.

Book exhibitors
It is now possible to register as a book exhibitor for the five full days of the Congress (1-5 August). Registration will ensure a stand and a pass for participation in all the activities of the Congress; more information is available at the Congress website. To register as a book exhibitor you may use the eventum page of the 28th International Congress of Papyrology, from which you will be able to register for the Congress and to pay for the corresponding fee.

Social events
The city of Barcelona and the surrounding areas have numerous interesting places to visit, and the cultural offer is extremely rich. In addition to this, the Organizing Committee is preparing several social activities for the days of the Congress, of some of which we can advance the following information:

Monday 1 August a reception will take place at the University Pompeu Fabra, where the University academic authorities will welcome the participants.

A papyrus exhibition will take place at the Archivo de la Corona de Aragón with documents and other objects from the two papyrus collections of Barcelona, the Abadia de Montserrat and the Palau-Ribes collections. The exhibition will open 17 March and a guided tour will be offered to the participants during the week of the Congress.

As is traditional, a dinner and a farewell party will be offered Friday 5 August at the closing of the Congress.

Further details of these and other activities will be provided in subsequent circulars and in our website.

Excursions
The Organizing Committee has arranged some attractive tours open for participants and accompanying persons to take place in the days immediately following the Congress.

Saturday 6 August: Tarragona. The approximate price will be 95€ including travel expenses, lunch, tickets to the archaeological site and the museum, as well as a guided tour.
Sunday 7 August: Ampuries and Ullastret. The approximate price will be 95€, including travel expenses, lunch, tickets to the archaeological sites, as well as guided tours.

Details have been published on the Congress website. During the process of registering for the Congress you will be asked about your interest in joining in one or both trips. Once we make sure we have enough participants we will proceed to contact those interested so that payment procedures can be started. For any doubts or further queries concerning the trips, please email us at papyrologia@upf.edu.

Important dates
Let us finally remind you of some important dates regarding the development of the Congress. Please note that registration for the Congress is independent from abstract submission, and that registering at the preferential fee will end 28 February.

March 15th 2015 Payment of Congress fees and submission of abstracts begin
February 28th 2016 Deadline for preferential fees
February 28th 2016 Deadline for abstract submission
May 31st 2016 Deadline for payment of fees

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