Dear Colleagues,

This is the Third Circular of the 28th International Congress of Papyrology, to be held at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, between 1 and 6 August 2016. The organizing committee wishes to thank in the first place the committed participation of the papyrological community in the next edition of the International Congress. This third circular is intended to update the information regarding the organization of the event, as well as drawing your attention to other practicalities.

End of Congress Registration and Abstract Submission

As announced in the previous circulars and the Congress webpage, registration for the Congress ended last Tuesday 31 May. Abstract submission did 21 March, with a total of 282 papers accepted for the Congress and 12 poster proposals. At the moment we are working on the sessions programme, which will be published before 21 June on our web site. Papers will be grouped into different sections, among which Arabic Papyrology, Archaeology and Papyrology, Conservation and Restauration, Coptic Papyrology, Documentary Papyrology, Ptolemaic Egypt, Documentary Papyrology: Roman Egypt, Herculaneum Papyri, Juristic Papyrology, Latin Papyri, Literary Papyrology, New Technologies, Paraliterary papyri, as well specific pannels we have been asked to accommodate into the programme.

Posters, which we ask the participants concerned to bring along at the registration time, will be mounted and shown in the area close to the conference rooms, where book exhibitors and the coffee area will also be located. There will be no time assigned to formal presentation of the posters, so that it remains the participants’ choice to decide when to stand around the area to comment on or explain the work reflected on them. May we suggest, however, coffee breaks as especially indicated times, because of the vicinity of the areas.

Social Events

Although we are still working on the organization of different events which will take place during the days when the Congress will be held, we can already offer a preliminary programme for the week (see diagram below).
On Monday 1 August after the end of the conference sessions the Universitat Pompeu Fabra will officially welcome the participants of the Congress and will offer them a reception at the Campus de Ciutadella, where the conference takes place.

On Wednesday 3 August we have programmed a visit to the papyrus exhibition Las Flores del Faraón. The exhibition, organized by the European Institute of the Mediterranean has been conceived by the DVCTVS team both as part of the Congress programme and as a means of making known to society the richness of this written heritage and our work as papyrologists on it. The exhibition shows papyri, ostraca and parchment fragments belonging to the Abadia de Montserrat and Palau-Ribes papyrus collections. Would those of you interested in the visit please state so at our list of confirmation page so that we may arrange the corresponding group(s).

We have been invited to visit Barcelona City Hall on Thursday 4 August. After a short guided tour of the historical building we will be received by the Local Authorities and a small reception will be offered.

Our traditional farewell dinner will take place on Friday 5 August at La Llotja, the ancient city market of medieval Barcelona. At the list of confirmation you will be able to confirm your assistance to the event and to state if there are any food requirements you would like us to take into account.
Please note that we have opened up a special inscription period until 3 July for those who would like to register any accompanying person(s) apart from those you have already registered. Only registered participants and registered accompanying persons will be entitled to attend the social activities programmed during the days of the Conference, except the optional tours for which specific payment is required (see below). Both the inscription of further accompanying person(s) and the payment of the optional tours are enabled at the list of confirmation page after confirming your assistance to the events.

Optional tours

In view of the number of expressions of interest received, we are going ahead with the organization of the weekend tours to Tarragona on Saturday and Empúries and Ullastret on Sunday. For our trip on Saturday to Tarragona we are negotiating with the director of the Roman Festival Tarraco Viva the acquisition of tickets for a triumph representation at the Roman amphitheatre, as well as a special guided tour to the Roman Antiquities. In order to finalize the preparation of the tours we would like to ask those who have expressed their interest (and those who haven’t but have now decided to join any or both of the tours) to proceed with the corresponding payment(s) at the list of confirmation.

We look forward to welcoming you in Barcelona next August and we invite you to contact us for any queries you may have at papyrologia@upf.edu.