



# SECOND CIRCULAR

The organising committee of the XXXth International Congress of Papyrology would like to thank you for your massive response to the call for papers: we have received more proposals than we could accept! This enthusiasm in a period of health uncertainty shows the vitality of our discipline and encourages us to do everything to offer you a beautiful Congress.

In spite of the epidemic crisis that we are experiencing, we hope that the Congress can take place as planned. But we are considering the possibility that, if the situation has not returned to normal, some countries will not allow their nationals to travel. In other words, we plan to allow those who may be completely unable to come to take part in the Congress by videoconference (and in this case, part of their registration fee, corresponding to the gala dinner, would be refunded, the rest contributing to the irreducible costs of organising the congress). The modalities of a hybrid organisation will be specified if this possibility is confirmed. But for the moment, it is too early to know what will happen in July and we wish to remain optimistic. However, consider that the vaccination pass will probably be mandatory (in France as in other countries) during the Congress.

## Registration

The payment of the registration fee allows us to finance and organise the Congress with the necessary anticipation. We therefore ask everyone to register and pay the registration fee until **February 28** (if you wish to benefit from a preferential rate) or **from March 1st to May 31** (normal rate).

Refunds of registration fees for any reason whatsoever will only be possible until **April 30**, after which time no refunds will be made. Please note that bank transfer fees, if any, will be borne by the person requesting the refund.

Of course, if the Congress is cancelled, the registration fee will be refunded or kept for the next year – and, if it is not cancelled, as mentioned above, a partial refund corresponding to the gala dinner will be made to those who are prevented from coming due to national travel restrictions and are obliged to take part in the Congress by videoconference only.

Please check the appropriate fee at <https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/3> and pay it when you register at <https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/registration>. Remember that you must pay your registration fee at the same time you register. We shall be grateful if you would, please, pay online by credit card rather than by bank transfer. No other payment method (for instance, through a purchase order) is possible. We cannot accept deferred or by installment payments.

## Congress venue

Collège de France, 11, place Marcelin-Berthelot, 75005 Paris.

See the map: <https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/resource/acces>

See the images: <https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/resource/gallery/id/19>

## Draft Program

- Sunday July 24: Registration on site, handing over of the congressman's suitcase
- Monday July 25-Friday July 29: Congress (program under preparation)
- Wednesday July 27 afternoon: free time (visits of the Bibliothèque nationale, Archives nationales and Sorbonne collections will be possible upon reservation; the program will be made available at a later stage)
- Friday July 29: Gala Dinner cruise on the River Seine
- Saturday July 30: general AIP Assembly

## Sessions

As announced in the first circular, sessions will be divided into thematic sessions and panels:

- Thematic sessions include individually submitted papers of no more than 20 minutes, followed by a 5-minute discussion, grouped according to thematic areas that are to be posted on the Congress website.
- Panels are organised in advance around specific topics. They will last 2 hours, 2.5 hours or 3 hours according to the number of participants. The duration of the papers is left to the discretion of the panel organisers, but no more than 20 minutes is recommended to allow ample time for discussion.

In addition, a half a day plenary session will be devoted to the new challenges of papyrology.

The papers may be presented in one of the following languages: English, French, German and Italian. The speakers will of course be able to project a slide presentation on the screen; those who prefer to circulate a paper handout should bring their own prints.

## Posters

Technical information about the size of posters will be sent at a later stage to those whose proposal has already been accepted. Posters will be displayed in the common areas close to the conference rooms for the duration of the Congress.

## Book exhibitors

Book exhibitors must contact the organisers of the Congress directly to register. More information is available at <https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/20>.

## Gala dinner

For non-students, the gala dinner is included in the registration fee. At a later stage, you will be asked if you wish to take part or not (so that we can reserve the boat corresponding to the number of participants well in advance). No refund of the gala dinner will be possible.

As for the students, when registering, they must choose to participate or not in the gala dinner and their registration fee will be calculated accordingly.

## Accommodation

Congress participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation. To help you, we propose on the Congress website a list of hotels located in the vicinity of the Congress venue (<https://xxxthicp.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/9>). Some of them have agreed to offer a special rate for the congress, but only if you book before **April 30** (these are #5, #12 and #13 in the list). We have added two addresses with lower prices but further away. In addition, there are many possibilities to book apartments or studios in the area (with Airbnb, Booking, etc...).

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that Paris is very popular with tourists, especially in summer, and that it is therefore recommended to book your accommodation as early as possible.

## Excursions

Those who stay in Paris for a while after the Congress will be able to visit the many museums and monuments in the center of Paris. We will also propose a list of excursions to be made in the surroundings of Paris, in particular for those who would like to visit the palaces of Versailles, Fontainebleau, Chantilly, Ecoen or Vaux-le-Vicomte.

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