



Associazione Italiana
di Studi Bizantini

Dear Colleagues,

We are making our best effort in keeping you informed on developments in the plans for the next International Congress of Byzantine Studies. If the current COVID 19 global pandemic crisis will substantially improve, the Congress, as agreed, is scheduled to take place in Venice – Padua on the 22-27 AUGUST 2022.

At the moment though, the current situation (as per November 2020) does not allow us to make further plans, and no contractor has been so far officially hired, in order not to waste resources should the Congress be further postponed.

However, what we can do is to start working on the structure of the program and define the new calendar for submissions of your contributions to the Congress.

As the Bureau of the AIEB has already made clear, the Congress will substantially keep the same program defined for Istanbul, with minor adjustments. In this sense, we are giving the opportunity to participants, should they so wish, to revise their proposals to take the new location of the Congress into account. This includes plenary sessions, round tables and free communications.

We ask you to submit a confirmation of your willingness to participate in the Congress and your revised proposal with the title/titles of contributions and name of participants.

The following cases may occur:

1) If you are a scholar who wants to offer a FREE COMMUNICATION, there is something new for you:

A) If you want to simply offer a free communication and you are fine to be grouped with other speakers, we will do it for you. You just send us the **title** of your paper and at least **5 keywords** by **APRIL 15, 2021**.

B) If you want to offer a free communication, but you wish either to be inserted in the same group with other colleagues (e.g. colleagues you know already working on the same subject or on a subject that you feel is complementary to yours), or you want to present a research group (**maximum 9 people and minimum 6 in 2 hours**), you can do it. But be aware that in this case applies the rule that the group of scholars cannot include only people **coming from one country**, both according to the principle of nationality of the participants and of the country where they live: i.e., it is not possible to have a group composed, for example, by 5 scholars who either are all Italian (living in Italy or abroad) or work all in Italy (being Italian or not).

You just send us the list of participants (with their affiliations and nationalities), the **titles** of their papers and at least **5 keywords** by **APRIL 15, 2021**.

This new format is planned especially for young scholars.



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2) If your ROUND TABLE has been accepted by the Turkish committee: let us know by **MAY 15, 2021** if you are still willing to organize and manage the round table you submitted and confirm the **abstract** of the round table together with the list of participants (with their affiliations) and the titles of their contributions.

Also in this case, if you wish so, you may change the topic of the round table to take the new location into account; however, this be the case, the Venetian-Paduan committee will have to examine the new proposal and discuss it with the international bureau.

We would also like to remind you that a round table should have a **maximum of 6 and a minimum of 4 participants** and that the group of scholars **cannot be coming from only one country** both according to the nationality of the participants and the country where they live: i.e., it is not possible to have a round table composed, for example, by 5 scholars who either are all Italian (living in Italy or abroad) or work all in Italy (being Italian or not).

3) If you have been invited by the Turkish committee to present a PLENARY SESSION PAPER: let us know by **MAY 15, 2021** if you are still willing to give your paper and confirm your final title. **Please notice that you may also change your topic to take the new location into account.**

The deadline for submitting the final version of your paper for the proceedings of the congress is **JULY 15, 2021**.

How to keep in contact:

You can find further updates on the website of the Associazione Italiana di Studi Bizantini: <http://www.studibizantini.it/24th-international-congress-of-byzantine-studies-venice-padua-23-28-august-2022-2/>

If you have questions or doubts, you can write to icbs2020@studibizantini.it

Your Sincerely

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