

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON BLACK SEA ANTIQUITIES

The Bosphorus: Gateway between the Ancient West and East
(1st Millennium BC-5th Century AD)

(Istanbul - 14-18 September 2009)

Istanbul University
Faculty of Letters
Eurasia Institute

The University of Melbourne
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FIRST CIRCULAR

CALL FOR PAPERS

The International and National Organising Committees of the 4th International Congress on Black Sea Antiquities extend an invitation to all interested scholars to participate in the forthcoming Congress, either by contributing a paper or by attending as a discussant in the proceedings. The official languages of the Congress are English, French and German. Its specific subject is the Bosphorus as a gateway between the ancient West and East (1st millennium BC-5th century AD).

The Congress is composed of 7 working sessions (see list below), beginning on September 14th, 2009 (participants to arrive on September 13th). It is intended that each session will be introduced by a 30-minute keynote lecture on the current state of relevant research. Leading scholars will be commissioned by the Organising Committees to prepare these lectures.

Since there will be no parallel sessions, the number of oral presentations will be limited to 8-10 papers (each of 15 minutes' duration) per session. This means that not all submissions will be accepted for oral presentation but, to allow maximum participation, we are planning large poster sessions parallel to the oral proceedings, and scholars are strongly encouraged to offer their papers as posters. The main criteria for the selection of all contributions will be originality and quality of research. Results from recent or current projects, innovation in methodology, and the exploration of lesser known areas will be given a high priority. We wish to cover as large a geographical and chronological range as possible. We reserve the right to assign any accepted paper to a poster session. Participants will be notified well in advance of the Congress date. A Congress web-site will be set up in due course, with details given in the Second Circular.

Abstracts no longer than 300 words should be submitted by **30 November 2008** at the latest (this deadline is strict). **No submission without an abstract will be given**

consideration. All accepted abstracts will be made available in print during the Congress and on a web-site before the Congress.

All sessions will be held at the Eurasia Institute, Istanbul University, Kimyager Dervis Pasa sok. 36 (next to the building housing the Faculty of Letters), Beyazit, Istanbul.

Planned Sessions:

= Opening Session and Opening Lecture

- 1. Nomads and semi-nomads of the Black Sea steppes and Anatolia
- 2. Greeks around the Hellespont, the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, and the western, northern and eastern Black Sea, and relations with the Mediterranean world
- 3. Romans around the Hellespont, the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, and the western, northern and eastern Black Sea, and relations with the Mediterranean world
- 4. From Byzantium to Trapezus: the southern Black Sea and its hinterland in the 1st millennium BC-5th century AD
- 5. Achaemenids and the Black Sea
- 6. The Black Sea and surrounding regions in late antiquity and the early Byzantine period
- 7. New excavations and projects

= Closing Session and Closing Lecture

The Participation Fee will be 95 Euros. This will include: (1) 4 lunches (in the staff dining room of the Faculty of Letters); (2) 8 coffee breaks; (3) welcome cocktail reception; (4) farewell cocktails and canapes; (5) congress folder; (6) all printed material (programme, summaries, etc.); (7) city map; (8) a full-day city excursion around Istanbul (including guide, all entrance fees, transport), September 16th.

Information on how to pay will be given in the Second Circular.

Excursions. As well as the mid-congress tour of Istanbul, there will be a choice of post-congress excursions starting on September 19th. These are **NOT** included in the Participation Fee. Uptodate prices will be given in the Second Circular. **For more detailed itineraries and current prices, please contact Tachda Tours (tachdatours@tnn.net).** The prices will depend on how many people sign up for a particular excursion.

A. Troy, Assos, Pergamum and Ephesus.

Day 1. Depart from Istanbul early morning by bus. Drive to Gallipoli, cross to the Asian shore and visit Troy by noon. Continue to ancient Assos. Overnight.

Day 2. Visit Assos and continue to Pergamum. Late afternoon arrival in Selcuk. Overnight.

Day 3. Full-day visit to Ephesus. Overnight in Selcuk.

Day 4. Depart for Istanbul, arriving in the early evening.

B. Ankara and Cappadocia

Day 1. Departure by night train to Ankara.

Day 2. Arrive in Ankara, visit Museum of Anatolian Civilisations in Ankara, drive to Cappadocia.

Day 3. Full day visits in Cappadocia.

Day 4. Day in Cappadocia and drive to Kayseri to catch late evening flight to Istanbul.

C. Antalya, Perge, Aspendos, Side and Termessos

Day 1. Early morning flight to Antalya, visit to Antalya Museum, afternoon visit to Perge. Overnight.

Day 2. Full day visit to Aspendo and Side. Overnight.

Day 3. Morning visit to Termessos and evening flight to Istanbul.

D. Teios, Heracleia Pontica, etc.

Day 1. Early departure from Istanbul. Drive to Caycuma near Teios and visit to site at Teios. Overnight.

Day 2. Early breakfast. Drive to Heracleia Pontica. Visit museum. Return to Istanbul.

Accommodation. A range of hotels will be available at prices from 20-25 Euros (including breakfast) upwards. Information will be given in the Second Circular.

The excursions, hotel bookings and non-academic events will be organised by Tachda Tours, Istanbul (tachdatours@tnn.net; www.tachdatours.com).

A Participation Form is on the last page of this circular. Please complete it and return it by the **deadline of NOVEMBER 30th, 2008**, to:

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I will participate with a paper () I will attend without giving a paper ()

(If applicable) session in which you wish to present a paper:
