

SOCIETAS INTERNATIONALIS STUDIIS NEOLATINIS PROVEHENDIS
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Eighteenth International Congress

• *Leuven 1–6 August 2021*



SECOND CIRCULAR LETTER FOR THE TRIENNIUM 2018–2021

1. XVIIIth International Congress

Preparations for the Eighteenth International Congress of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies to be held in Leuven between 1 and 6 August 2021 are well under way. We are of course closely monitoring the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, and we realize that Covid-19-related difficulties and limitations might last well into the next year. For now, nonetheless, we continue our planning on the basis of the assumption that the congress will take place as announced. Should any alternative scenario prove to be necessary, we have decided to communicate by 10 February 2021 how we intend to change the timing of the congress.

We are delighted with the interest shown in the congress: 339 papers (individual papers, special sessions and posters) have been accepted from 340 participants coming from 34 different countries. In the meantime, every person who submitted an abstract has been informed about its acceptance or non-acceptance by the Organizing Committee.

The plenary papers will be given by Jeanine De Landtsheer (KU Leuven), Sylvie Laigneau-Lafontaine (Université de Bourgogne, Dijon), Claudia Schindler (Universität Hamburg), Antonio Iurilli (Università degli Studi di Palermo) and José Carlos Miralles Maldonado (Universidad de Murcia) in the five official languages of the IANLS (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish).

For more information and announcements concerning the congress, please consult www.ianls2021.com.

Travel to Leuven

By air

Brussels Airport (BRU), the national airport of Belgium, lies just outside of Brussels and welcomes approximately 230 direct flights per day. You can reach Leuven very easily thanks to the fast train connection from the airport.

- Brussels Airport train station on floor -1
- 13 minutes travel time to Leuven
- ca. 9.30 EUR for a one-way ticket

Taxis are available outside the arrival hall at the airport. A taxi ride from Brussels Airport to Leuven costs around 50 to 65 EUR.

Alternatively, you can travel to the smaller low-cost airport of ‘Brussels South’ in Charleroi (CRL). Since there are no direct train connections to Leuven, you will first have to take the shuttle bus to Brussels-Midi (ca. 1 hour; 14.70 EUR for a one-way ticket) and from there a national train to Leuven (ca. 30 minutes; 5.30 EUR for a one way-ticket).

By train

Leuven is well connected to the international rail network, and the train station is within walking distance of the city centre. The Thalys, Eurostar, ICE and TGV high-speed trains arrive in Brussels-

Midi or in Liège. From there, you can take a national train to Leuven (ca. 30 minutes). Please find the train schedule here:

- www.b-europe.be (for international train tickets)
- www.belgianrail.be (for travel within Belgium)

NB: Before hopping on the train in Brussels, please make sure that it is heading for the Flemish city of *Leuven*, or *Louvain* in French, and NOT to *Louvain-la-Neuve* (LLN) near Ottignies (which is situated in Wallonia and is home to our French-speaking sister university)!

By car

The historical centre of Leuven is traffic-free. The rest of the city centre is subdivided into 5 districts. In each district a loop directs traffic from the ring road ('Leuvense Ring', R23) to a city centre parking garage and back to the ring road. We advise you to park your car in one of the more convenient ring road car parks: see <https://www.leuven.be/parkings>.

Moving around in Leuven

In the centre of Leuven most locations are within easy walking distance. There is also an extensive bus network; almost all buses in and around Leuven stop at the railway station and pass through the city centre. For all information about timetables, bus routes, and tickets see www.delijn.be/en/index.html, or visit the 'Lijnwinkel' in front of Leuven station.

A city map of Leuven can be found here: <https://visitleuven.be/en/city-map>.

Accommodation

The city of Leuven boasts a wide variety of hotels at various price levels. On the congress website (www.ianls2021.com), a list with links to hotels in different price ranges will be made available. In order to stay within walking distance of the congress venue, we advise our congress delegates to book a room in the Leuven city centre, within the ring road.

Accompanying Events

During the congress a welcome reception (on Sunday), a concert (on Tuesday) and a choice of excursions within Leuven (on Wednesday) will be organized, all of which are included in the congress fee. Note that some excursions are open to a limited number of participants only, and we work on a first-come first-served basis. Several excursions involve walking. Moreover, you are warmly invited to visit our small exhibition on 50 years of IANLS at the congress venue, as well as an exhibition of editions of Neo-Latin poetry (15th-20th centuries) in the Low Countries, curated by Marcus de Schepper, in the KU Leuven University Library. For those wishing to explore Leuven's library collections, during the week of the congress free access to the Artes Library (including the Neo-Latin reference library) is provided. On Friday, the congress dinner will be held at the iconic venue of De Hoorn, birthplace of Stella Artois. On Saturday, no traditional collective excursion will take place; instead, suggestions for daytrips to interesting towns and sites in Belgium will be offered on www.ianls2021.com.

Congress Fees

The fees have been set by the Executive Committee at 165 EUR (regular fee) if paid before 15 May 2021, and 200 EUR if paid after that date. Registered undergraduate students, MA students, and PhD students who do not hold a salaried institutional post qualify for a special rate of 120 EUR (150 EUR if paid after 15 May 2021). The registration tool will be available from 1 April 2021 on the congress website: www.ians2021.com.

The congress fee includes a congress pack, coffee breaks, and the admission to all sessions, welcome reception, concert, exhibitions, and optional excursions in Leuven, as well as access to the KU Leuven Artes Library during the time of the congress.

The congress dinner (at De Hoorn) and daily lunches (at the Alma student restaurant, conveniently located at the congress venue itself) must be booked separately; please make sure to specify any dietary requirements (vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, lactose-free, or other), if necessary. Participation in the congress dinner will cost 60 EUR; lunches including main course, dessert and a beverage are available for 13.50 EUR per day. Payment will be required together with the congress fee.

Payment can be made by credit card or by bank transfer. Please ensure that the Organizers receive the full amount, undiminished by bank charges. You will be sent a confirmation of your booking by e-mail. Once booked, congress fees are not refundable.

Please note that all fees related to the congress should be sent to the Organizers via the registration tool, not to the Treasurer of IANLS.

Provisional Program

Sunday, 1 August

16.00-18.00 Registration (University Hall, Inkomhal, Naamsestraat 22, ground floor)

16.00-18.00 Executive Committee meeting

19.00 Opening reception (University Hall, Jubileumzaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)

Monday, 2 August

8.00-9.00 Registration (University Hall, Inkomhal, Naamsestraat 22, ground floor)

9.00-10.00 Opening ceremony (University Hall, Promotiezaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)

10.00-11.00 Plenary lecture 1 (Italian) (University Hall, Promotiezaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)

11.00-11.30 Transfer to the congress venue at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Parkstraat 45-51) and
Coffee break

11.30-13.00 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

13.00-15.00 Lunch

13.00-15.00 Advisory Board meeting

15.00-16.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-19.00 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

Tuesday, 3 August (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51)

9.00-10.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.00 Plenary lecture 2 (German) (Auditorium Max Weber)

12.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-18.00 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

20.00 Concert (Sint-Jan-de-Doperkerk, Groot Begijnhof)

Wednesday, 4 August (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51)

9.00-11.00 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 Plenary lecture 3 (Spanish) (Auditorium Max Weber)

12.30-14.30 Lunch

12.30-14.00 Teaching Committee meeting

14.30-17.30 Various excursions in Leuven (all starting from the Ladeuzeplein, in front of the University Library)

Thursday, 5 August (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51)

9.00-10.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 IANLS Business meeting (Auditorium Max Weber)

13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

16.30-17.30 Poster presentation and Coffee break

17.30-18.30 Plenary lecture 4 (French) (Auditorium Max Weber)

Friday, 6 August (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51)

9.00-10.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

12.30-14.00 Lunch

12.30-14.00 Advisory Board meeting

14.00-15.30 Parallel sessions: Individual papers + special sessions

14.00-15.30 Executive Committee meeting

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Plenary lecture 5 (English) (Auditorium Max Weber)

17.00-18.00 Closing ceremony (Auditorium Max Weber)

19.00-23.00 Congress dinner (De Hoorn, Sluisstraat 79)

Notes:

1. The above program is provisional; any changes will be published on www.ianls2021.com.
2. We would like to remind all speakers that the length of the papers cannot exceed twenty minutes, which would normally correspond to a manuscript of not more than 2,200 words. This also applies to papers given by two speakers. Considering the fact that the speakers address an international audience with diverse linguistic backgrounds, the papers must be read slowly and articulately.
3. The rules of the IANLS stipulate that only papers that have been read by their authors will be considered for inclusion in the *Acta*.
4. If for whatever emergency you have to withdraw from the congress, please inform the Organizing Committee as soon as possible, to avoid last-minute disruptions (ianls2021@kuleuven.be).
5. We plan to take a group picture during the congress.

2. Elections at the Business Meeting in Leuven

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee is proposing Eric MacPhail and Alejandro Coroleu Lletget as candidates for First Vice-President. The curricula of the candidates will be sent along with the Third Circular on 15 June 2021. However, members of the Association may also propose names, which must be sent to the Secretary, Kristi Viiding (kristi.viiding@gmail.com), no later than 15 May 2021. These proposals must be made by two members of the Association (a proposer and a seconder), and include the consent and a two-page CV of the nominees, as stipulated in article V.A of the Statutes.

The elected members of the Advisory Board are at present Donatella Coppini, Jean-François Cottier, Farkas Gábor Kiss, John C. Leeds, Joaquín Pascual Barea, Carolina Ponce Hernández, Claudia Schindler and Sonja Schreiner. Four members (Coppini, Cottier, Ponce Hernández and Schindler) will

end their mandate at next year's congress. On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee is proposing Reinhold Glei, Virginie Leroux, Aline Smeesters, Ida Mastrorosa, Akihiko Watanabe, and Bobby Xinyue as new candidates for the four posts to be filled. However, members of the Association may also propose names, which must be sent to the Secretary, Kristi Viiding (kristi.viiding@gmail.com), no later than 15 May 2021. These proposals, too, must be made by two members of the Association (a proposer and a seconder), and include the consent and a two-page CV of the nominees, as stipulated in article V.B of the Statutes.

3. The Jozef IJsewijn Prize

Prof. Dr. Jozef IJsewijn (1932-1998) was the inspiration behind the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies. The Association is offering an award for the best book published in the interval between congresses as a way to honour the late Professor IJsewijn and as a stimulus for young scholars to engage in Neo-Latin research. Scholars who have published their first book in the field are invited to submit this work to the Chair of the Advisory Board of the IANLS. The book must be written in one of the official languages of the IANLS. The winner's name will be announced at the opening of the 2021 congress, and he/she will be granted life-long membership of the Association. Applicants for the IJsewijn Prize are strongly encouraged to attend the congress even if they have not submitted a paper proposal.

The prize is being offered for a book published during the triennium January 2018 – December 2020. Two hard copies (or a pdf file) of any book submitted should be sent to Colette Nativel, the Chair of the Advisory Board, no later than 15 February 2021. She will forward them to the members of the jury for evaluation. For the shipping details please contact her at colette.nativel@univ-paris1.fr.

4. Memorial Funds

The Executive Committee invites IANLS members and patrons to make voluntary contributions to its two Memorial Funds, the Philip J. Ford Memorial Fund and the Karl August Neuhausen Memorial Fund, established for travel bursaries and other ways to support Neo-Latin studies. Benefactors may send their donation, clearly marked 'Philip J. Ford Memorial Fund' or 'Karl August Neuhausen Memorial Fund', to the IANLS Treasurer Enikő Békés.

Method of payment:

You can choose between two systems:

- 1) Electronic payment by PayPal (see their website www.paypal.com).
- 2) International bank transfer to the account of the treasurer of IANLS:

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5. XIXth International Congress

After the Business Meeting in Albacete 2018 approved the presentation of the Aix-Marseille Université (AMU) as host institution for the next congress, the Executive Committee is recommending Aix-en-Provence (France) as venue for the XIXth International Congress. Members are invited to propose possible venues for the XXth International Congress at the Business Meeting in Leuven 2021. Members intending to do so are kindly requested to contact either Marc Laureys (m.laureys@uni-bonn.de) or Kristi Viiding (kristi.viiding@gmail.com) no later than 15 May 2021.

6. News

Acta Conventus Neo-Latini Albasitensis

In May 2020, the *Acta Conventus Neolatini Albasitensis* were published by Brill (<https://brill.com/view/title/57218>). The volume of more than 700 pages contains the five plenary papers given by Jean-François Cottier, Carla Maria Monti, Marianne Pade, Stefan Tilg and Juan J. Valverde Abril, and a further 49 essays on all areas of Neo-Latin studies. This peer-reviewed volume was published less than two years after the congress and costs 165 EUR.

Fellowship at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Neo-Latin Studies

The Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Neo-Latin Studies awards fellowships of 1100 EUR per month to researchers at BA, MA, PhD or Postdoc level. The fellowships are for 1-6 months. Interested researchers are expected to work on a specific project from the field of Neo-Latin literature and to take residence in Innsbruck during the period of the fellowship. They will take part in the activities of the Institute and discuss their work with its members. A talk at the end of the scholarship period will present the progress/results of the project to a larger audience. Further information is available here: <http://neolatin.lbg.ac.at/tags/fellowships>. Applications are assessed three times a year (15 January, July and October). If you have any further questions, please contact Florian Schaffenrath (florian.schaffenrath@neolatin.lbg.ac.at).

Call for Contributions to the Biographisch-Bibliographisches Kirchenlexikon

The German publishing house Verlag Traugott Bautz is looking for contributions to its ecclesiastical encyclopedia 'Biographisch-Bibliographisches Kirchenlexikon' (up-to-date biographies of over a hundred Neo-Latin authors with recent bibliographical references in German and English). For further information please contact Angelika Armbrecht (bautzverlag@gmail.com) or angelika.bautzverlag@gmail.com.

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In memoriam

With great sadness the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies learnt of the death of our former members: John Noel Barry (18.12.1944–5.3.2020) from the Centre of Neo-Latin Studies at University College Cork (Ireland); Sigurður Pétursson (20.9.1944–26.1.2020), lecturer of Greek and Latin in

Háskóli Íslands (Iceland); Cor Rademaker ss.cc. (4.9.1930–9.4.2020), a participant in the IANLS congresses since the second congress in Amsterdam 1973; and Marc Fumaroli (10.6.1932–24.6.2020) from the Collège de France, a participant in the second and third congress of the IANLS.

A biographical memoir of Prof. Ann Moss (1938–2018) has been published on the website of the British Academy: <https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publishing/memoirs/19/moss-ann-1938-2018/> (Open Access link).