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THIRD CIRCULAR LETTER FOR THE QUADRIENNIUM 2018–2022

XVIIIth International Congress

Preparations for the Eighteenth International Congress of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies to be held in Leuven between 31 July and 5 August 2022 have advanced into their final stage. This letter is being sent to all those who have registered for the XVIIIth International Congress of the IANLS, as well as to those whose proposals have been accepted but who have not yet registered. Those who have not yet registered but would still like to participate are kindly asked to register and pay the Congress fee by 1 July 2022: <https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/sph/registration>.

For information and announcements concerning the Congress please see: <https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/sph/IANLS2021>.

The programme is available online at <https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/sph/programme>. The abstracts of the individual papers, special sessions, and posters will also be available soon. We thank you for your understanding that – due to the large size of the Congress and the complicating factor that is COVID-19 – changes to the programme will not be possible at this stage.

On site check-in

The registration desk will be open from 16.00 to 21.00 on Sunday, 31 July before and during the welcome reception in the “Jubileumzaal” of the University Hall (Naamsestraat 22, first floor). Congress packs, including programmes, name tags, a city map and other complimentary items will be distributed there. On Monday, it will be possible to check in at the University Hall between 8:00 and 9:00; the registration desk will then move to the Congress Venue (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51) and reopen at 10:45. The registration desk will remain at the Congress Venue for the entire duration of the Congress.

Accompanying events

In addition to the Congress itself, the Congress fee also includes the welcome reception, several sightseeing options in Leuven (Wednesday afternoon), a classical concert (Tuesday evening), and the coffee breaks. As we gather on Ladeuze Square for the Wednesday excursions, university carillonneur Luc Rombouts will treat us to a concert on the University Library carillon (14:00-14:30): since 2015 Belgium’s carillon culture has been recognized by UNESCO as intangible cultural heritage!

In the course of the Congress, the University Library will also host an exhibition called *Musae Belgicae. Neo-Latin Poetry in the Low Countries (1477-1991)*, curated by one of our keynote speakers, Marcus de Schepper (Monseigneur Ladeuzeplein 21). You can visit it for free by signing in at the library's reception desk (i.e. by showing your badge and stating your name). The guided tour of the exhibition on Wednesday afternoon is already fully booked, but you can still visit it on your own during the rest of the week. You will also be able to access the Artes Library at the Faculty of Arts (Blijde-Inkomststraat 21) and browse our rich Neo-Latin reference collection (fifth floor, "LHUM") by showing your badge and stating your name at the reception desk. For those who are interested, the library of the Faculty of Theology (Charles Deberiotstraat 26) also happens to host an exhibition on Pope Adrian VI (with some attention to Erasmus and Luther), celebrating 500 years since the start of his papacy, at the time of the Congress.

Lunch

For those of you who have signed up for the Congress lunches beforehand via the registration tool, lunch will be served from Monday to Friday in Alma 2, the student restaurant located at the heart of the Congress Venue (Parkstraat 45). Your lunch will be served according to the options you have indicated during registration. If you have not already done so, please notify us as soon as possible at ianls2021@kuleuven.be of any dietary requirements or allergies, which you can then signal during our lunches and receptions etc.

Audio-Visual Requirements

All lecture halls and conference rooms are located close together on campus and are equipped with microphones, projectors and laptops.¹ There will be students and colleagues on standby for technical assistance. Please bring your presentation on a USB flash drive with you, preferably in a PDF format.

Please note that we aim to be an eco-friendly Congress: for instance, the programme booklet² will be limited in size and we will be projecting the texts of the plenary lectures³. So, if you want to distribute handouts, remember to provide these yourself.

At the Congress Venue, most of you will be able to connect to the "Eduroam" network, using the credentials you use at your own university. We will also provide all of you with a username and password in order to connect to the local "Campusroam" network for the duration of the Congress. Please note that you will be able to use this account on one device (laptop or smartphone) only.

Posters & Book Exhibition

The Posters will be displayed on site for the whole week, not only for the Poster Session. They will be on show alongside the book stands and an exhibition of 50 Years of the IANLS at Alma 2 (Parkstraat 45), where we have our lunches and coffee breaks. Starting from Monday, presenters will be able to hang their posters on the designated panels.

Programme

Apart from the opening ceremony and the first plenary lecture (see *infra*), all sessions will be held at the Faculty of Social Sciences (Parkstraat 45-51). The Congress Venue is located in the city centre and is within walking distance from most hotels. Please note that, unfortunately, not all auditoria are wheelchair-accessible: we kindly ask that persons with reduced mobility contact us as soon as possible.

¹ Laptops will run on Microsoft Windows. You can of course bring your own devices. If you bring your own Apple device, please remember to also bring the necessary adapters.

² All abstracts will also be made available beforehand via the Congress website.

³ The plenary texts will be made accessible via the Congress website during the Congress itself.

Sunday, 31 July 2022

- 16.00-21.00 Registration (University Hall, Jubileumzaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)
16.00-18.00 Executive Committee Meeting (Aula 8)
19.00-21.00 Welcome Reception (University Hall, Jubileumzaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)

Monday, 1 August 2022

- 08.00-09.00 Registration (University Hall, Jubileumzaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)
09.00-09.45 Opening Ceremony (University Hall, Promotiezaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)
09.45-10.45 Plenary Lecture 1 (Italian): Antonio Iurilli, *Cultura neolatina nel mezzogiorno d'Italia. Cinquant'anni di studi* (University Hall, Promotiezaal, Naamsestraat 22, first floor)
10.45-11.45 Transfer to Congress Venue & Coffee Break (Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45-51)
(Coffee Break at Alma 2 at the Congress Venue)
11.45-13.15 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
13.15-15.00 Lunch (Alma 2)
Advisory Board Meeting (Aula 8)
15.00-16.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
16.30-17.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
17.00-19.00 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)

Tuesday, 2 August 2022

- 09.00-10.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
10.30-11.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
11.00-12.00 Plenary Lecture 2 (German): Claudia Schindler, *Zwischen Globalisierung und Mikrokultur: Zu einer Gattungspoetik des neulateinischen Lehrgedichts* (Aula 1)
12.00-14.00 Lunch (Alma 2)
14.00-15.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
15.30-16.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
16.00-18.00 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
20.00 Concert Capella Nova (Sint-Jan-de-Doperkerk, Groot Begijnhof)

Wednesday, 3 August 2022

- 09.00-11.00 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
11.00-11.30 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
11.30-12.30 Plenary Lecture 3 (Spanish): José C. Miralles Maldonado, *In laudem praestantissimi triumpho a D. Alexandro Farnesio [...] de Traiectensibus apud Flandros habito [...] Carmen de Juan Bautista de Aguilar: Un poema épico inédito sobre el asedio de Maastricht (1579)* (Aula 1)
12.30-14.30 Lunch (Alma 2)
Teaching Committee Meeting (Aula 8)
14.00-14.30 Concert on the Carillon of the University Library by Luc Rombouts, University Carillonneur (Ladeuzeplein, in front of the University Library)
14.30-17.30 Various Excursions in Leuven (All starting from the Ladeuzeplein, in front of the University Library)

Thursday, 4 August 2022

- 09.00-10.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
10.30-11.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)

- 11.00-13.00 IANLS Business Meeting (Aula 1)
 13.00-14.30 Lunch (Alma 2)
 14.30-16.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
 16.30-17.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
 17.00-18.00 Plenary Lecture 4 (French): Sylvie Laigneau-Fontaine, *Le projet Burgundia Humanistica: L'exemple de l'humaniste Jean Girard de Dijon* (Aula 1)

Friday, 5 August 2022

- 09.00-10.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
 10.30-11.15 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
 Poster Presentations (Alma 2)
 11.15-12.15 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
 12.15-14.00 Lunch (Alma 2)
 Advisory Board Meeting (Aula 8)
 14.00-15.30 Parallel Sessions (Faculty of Social Sciences)
 Executive Committee Meeting (Aula 8)
 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break (Alma 2)
 16.00-17.00 Plenary Lecture 5 (English): Marcus de Schepper, *Lowland Latin Lovers, or the Suitors of the 'Belgian Muses' (1477-2007). A Group Portrait with an All-Male Cast of Schoolmasters and Pupils, Students and Professors, Clergymen and Magistrates, Merchants and Physicians, Foreigners and Soldiers* (Aula 1)⁴
 17.00-18.00 Closing Ceremony (Aula 1)
 19.00-23.00 Congress Dinner (De Hoorn, Sluisstraat 79)

Any changes to the programme will be published at: <https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/sph/programme>.

Elections at the Business Meeting

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee has proposed Eric MacPhail and Alejandro Coroleu Lletget as candidates for First Vice-President. The curricula of these candidates have been sent along with this Circular.

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 has proposed Reinhold Gleis, Virginie Leroux, Aline Smeesters, Ida Mastroso, Akihiko Watanabe, and Bobby Xinyue as new candidates for the four posts to be filled. Ida Mastroso has subsequently decided to withdraw her candidacy. The curricula of the remaining candidates have been sent along with this Circular.

COVID-19

The organization is carefully monitoring the ongoing epidemiological situation and will strictly adhere to COVID protocols. Until further notice, the Congress will take place under "Code Yellow" of the Belgian COVID Barometer. Due to the downward trend in COVID infections and hospital admissions, the epidemic emergency protocol has been lifted and most restrictions have been dropped. For our Congress, this means that face masks are no longer mandatory within KU Leuven infrastructure. However, the

⁴ Jeanine De Landtsheer, who was scheduled to deliver the English plenary lecture at the upcoming Congress, sadly passed away on 18 January 2021. The Executive Committee is very grateful to Marcus de Schepper for having accepted, on relatively short notice, to take over the role of English plenary speaker.

organisation and KU Leuven still strongly recommend the use of face masks, especially when many people are gathered in small spaces or in one-to-one settings; they also recommend that vulnerable people and anyone feeling unsafe (or mildly symptomatic) wear an FFP2 mask, which provides more effective protection. All lecture rooms at the Congress Venue are mechanically ventilated.

The virus has not gone away: now that most protective measures have been lifted, our individual responsibility has become all the more important. Therefore, please stay alert. Get tested if you have symptoms. Respect any quarantine and isolation rules. Please check the website <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/> for an overview of the COVID-19 situation and all measures in force in Belgium.

Publication of papers in the *Acta*

Anyone giving a paper at the XVIIIth International Congress of the IANLS is entitled to submit it for publication in the *Acta*. Publication guidelines will be posted on the Congress website after the Congress. The final date for submitting manuscripts to the Chair of Publications is 30 November 2022. Please note, however, that papers will be subject to peer review and thus will not be automatically accepted.

Saturday 6 August

On Saturday, you are free to discover Belgium on your own. There are many places of interest for Neo-Latin or Renaissance scholars nearby, at less than an hour's distance from Leuven by public transport. While we leave the tourism to your own initiative, we have made a small selection of possible trips to help you along your way. You are also invited to find inspiration in a text drafted by our late colleague Jeanine De Landtsheer, at <https://www.arts.kuleuven.be/sph/excursions> (scroll to the bottom of the page for the link to the pdf document).

Travelling to Leuven

By air

The national airport of Belgium ("Brussels Airport") is situated just outside of Brussels. 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. 9.40 EUR for a one-way ticket).

Taxis are also 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. 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; 5.50 EUR for a one way-ticket). The national railway company ("NMBS" in Dutch, "SNCF" in French) also offers "[Charleroi Airport Tickets](#)" (15.70 EUR; combo bus-train), which allow you to take the shuttle bus from Charleroi Airport to Charleroi train station, where you can then take the train to Leuven (with a transfer at Brussels-Midi).

By train

Leuven is well connected to the international rail network, and the train station is within walking distance of the city centre and Congress Venue. 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* (LIN) 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 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>.

Staying in Leuven

The city of Leuven boasts a wide variety of hotels at various price levels. On the websites offered below, lists of hotels are available. In order to stay within walking distance of the Congress Venue, we advise you to book a room in the Leuven city centre, within the ring road.

<https://www.visitleuven.be/en/staying-over>
<http://www.hotelsinleuven.com/all-hotels/>
<https://www.booking.com/city/be/leuven.en-gb.html>

In memoriam

It is with great sadness that the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies has learned of the deaths of our former members: Jeanine De Landtsheer (1954–18.1.2021), Fidel Rädle (1935–15.7.2021), and Howard Norland (1932–4.8.2021).

If any questions occur, please do not hesitate to ask: ianls2021@kuleuven.be.

We are looking forward to meeting you at our Alma Mater,

The Leuven OC