Dear Colleagues,

this is the Third Circular of the 29th International Congress of Papyrology, to be held in Università del Salento, Lecce, between July 28 and August 3, 2019. The Organizing Committee wishes to thank once again the papyrological community for the enthusiastic involvement in the Congress.

So far we have 380 subscriptions, with 258 lectures and 18 posters. Registration is still possible on the Congress web site or directly at the reception desks. Registration opens at 15:00 on Sunday July 28 in Castello Carlo V (Sala Maria d’Enghien), viale F. Cavallotti until 16:30 and will continue from 8:00 on Monday 29 at the Congress venue in Studium 2000 Building 5. A preliminary programme is available on the web site. The final version will be ready by the 6th of July.

**Venues**

The Congress will be held in Studium 2000, a group of buildings located in via di Valesio.

Building 3:
- Museo Papirologico
- Exhibit “Soknopaiou Nesos black and white (and beyond)”;  
- Exhibit “… dove la conoscenza si Mostra: rarità bibliografiche e documentarie dalla biblioteca” (1st floor, Biblioteca T. Pellegrino, Rare Book Library)
Building 5: registration desk; coffee-break hall; posters and books exhibitors.

Building 6: Congress rooms.

**Lectures in Thematic Sessions**

Papers must not exceed 15 minutes, allowing for 5 minutes discussion and 5 minutes for people to move from one session to another. Every Chairperson will have, as usual, three colored cards to keep the speakers on time schedule.

**Panels**

Panels will stay focused on their specific topics allowing a longer time for discussion. Speakers are requested to submit a complete version of their papers to the Organizing Committee **by July 15** (mailbox@papycongress2019.org) and will be made available on a page of the Congress web site accessible only to the Congress members. This will hopefully allow for more in-depth discussions among the participants.

**Workshops**

Workshops are proposed for lectures on new editions or re-editions of texts with presentations of no more than 10 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion. The images and transcriptions of the texts to be discussed must be sent to the Organizing Committee **by July 15** (mailbox@papycongress2019.org) and will be made available on a page of the Congress web site accessible only to the Congress members. This will hopefully allow for more in-depth discussions among the participants.

**Posters**

Posters will be on display for the duration of the Congress, in the coffee-break hall, where book exhibitors will also be located. They must be maximum 70 cm wide
and 100 cm high. They must be delivered to the registration desk on Monday 29. Congress logo can be downloaded from the Congress web site.

**Plenary Session**

A plenary session titled “Future of editing papyri: aspects and problems” will be held in Teatro Apollo on Friday August 2, at 15:00. Seven papers of 20 minutes each will present the main problems of the publication and dissemination of papyrus texts, followed by the discussion with the audience.

**Books Exhibitors**

Books exhibits will be held in the coffee-break hall. Each exhibitor will be provided with 1 table 1.60 x 0.60 m, 2 chairs; electrical connection, Wi-Fi. Books must be delivered by Friday July 26, while the set up starts from 8:00 on Monday July 29.

The delivery address is:
Prof. Mario Capasso
Museo Papirologico dell’Università del Salento
Studium 2000
via di Valesio
73100 Lecce (Italy)

The delivery hours are:
Monday-Friday: 9:00-13:00
Monday-Thursday: 16:30-18:00

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After the Conference the exhibition materials must be picked up by Tuesday August 6.
Social Events
The Organizing Committee has planned social activities and excursions for the Congress week.

Sunday July 28
After the opening ceremony in Teatro Apollo (via S. Trinchese 13A) there will be a welcoming reception held in Castello Carlo V (just a few steps away), where a cocktail party will be offered by Centro Internazionale per lo Studio dei Papiri Ercolanesi “Marcello Gigante” to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its foundation.

Tuesday July 30
In the morning a mobile office of Poste Italiane will provide for free a special cancelation issued on the occasion of the Congress (postage stamps to be purchased individually).

Wednesday July 31
Tour to Galatone (free). Those already enrolled to this afternoon tour will gather in Piazza Angelo Rizzo/Porta Napoli (in front of the “obelisk”) at 16:00. Two groups will visit Galatone town and the Leonardo Da Vinci Museum in Palazzo Marchesale. A welcome cocktail will be offered by CreattivaMens.

Thursday August 1
The traditional Gala Dinner will be held in Ex-Convento degli Olivetani, an enchanting Barocco Monastery near Studium 2000, at 20:00. A performance by Aracne Mediterranea will follow (sponsored by Cav. Luca Trombi).
Other Exhibitions to Visit

Lecce, Monastero delle Benedettine, via Conte Accardo
In nomine Domini...Le Pergamene del Monastero di San Giovanni tra storia e fede
July 28 - August 3, daily opening 9-13; 15-18

Napoli, Biblioteca Nazionale, Officina dei papiri Ercolanesi, Piazza del Plebiscito 1
Mostra dei Papiri Ercolanesi
Visita alle sezioni Manoscritti e Rari (on request)
July 29 - August 7, Monday to Friday 9:00-13:00

Firenze, Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana
Tesorì letterari nei papiri della Biblioteca Medicea Laurenziana
August 5 - 30, Monday to Friday 9:30-13:30 (closed on holidays)

Optional Tours

Tuesday July 30
Baroque Art and Jewish Quarter of Lecce
Guided tours will start from Piazza Angelo Rizzo/Porta Napoli (in front of the “obelisk”) at 19:00

Friday August 2
Baroque Art and Jewish Quarter of Lecce
Guided tours will start from Teatro Apollo at 20:00

Saturday August 3
Otranto Tour
People enrolled in this afternoon bus tour to the charming town of Otranto will gather in Piazza Angelo Rizzo/Porta Napoli (in front of the “obelisk”) at 16:00

Sunday August 4
Valle d’Itria Tour
People enrolled in this full day tour of the picturesque valley of “trulli” will gather in Piazza Angelo Rizzo/Porta Napoli (in front of the “obelisk”) at 9:30