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C I R C U L A R

43rd Symposium on Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Archaeology and Art of the Christian Archaeological Society (ChAE) Athens, May, 2024

Deadline for Submissions: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Organizing and Academic Committee:

Ioanna Bitha (president), Georgios Pallis (general secretary),
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The Board of the Christian Archaeological Society (ChAE) announces the *43rd Symposium on Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Archaeology and Art of the Christian Archaeological Society*, which will be held in Athens in May, 2024, as a face-to-face meeting. One of the days of the three-day Symposium will be devoted, as usual, to communications on a special themed topic.

For information concerning participation in the Symposium and on the specific topic of the one-day themed conference see below:

One-day themed conference in the *43rd Symposium of the ChAE*

**“The world of the Byzantine countryside.
Archaeological, epigraphic and visual testimonies (7th-15th centuries).”**

The special one-day themed conference, one of the three days of the *43rd Symposium of the ChAE*, will concern material evidence on the world of the Byzantine countryside (7th-15th centuries).

The agricultural economy was one of the most important pillars of the overall economy and social organization of Byzantium. Both country and urban dwellers were closely connected with the cultivation of the land and it was the responsibility of the state to see that this was carried out systematically, as this constituted the most important source of its wealth. To arable farming must be added not only livestock rearing, beekeeping, fishing, hunting, but also the products of the domestic economy, such as sericulture, sewing and weaving, and perhaps also tool-making.

The following topics are indicative and concern **the material remains and epigraphic and visual evidence from the world of the Byzantine countryside.**

- Rural areas and rural facilities: organization of villages, settlements and the inhabited rural area in general.
- Agricultural infrastructure (mills, oil mills, windmills, watermills, etc.) and tools.
- Material residues of production and main activities.
- Material residues of processing activity: preparation of food, and the processing (spinning) of fibres and production of cloth/clothing.
- Epigraphic evidence: dedicatory inscriptions with reference to professions, groups and individual rural inhabitants.
- Visual testimonies of agricultural activities, villagers and country people in general.

In addition to the major papers assigned to specialists, space will be reserved for thematically relevant 15-minute communications (up to 2,000 words) on the day.

The language of the Symposium is Greek.

Speakers from abroad may deliver their papers in English or French.

Colleagues are reminded that communications should be original and constitute a substantial contribution to scholarship. They must not exceed 15 minutes in length (2,000 w.). Participants can deliver only one paper, even if this is in collaboration with another speaker(s). The subjects of communications should fall within the ambit of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Archaeology and Art (300 CE-1830 CE).

Due to the large number of papers regularly submitted for the annual *Symposium of the ChAE*, the Board encourages all those planning to present work involving excavations, restoration projects, and the conservation of art works and monuments,

to consider presenting their contributions in the form of posters. Participants will be responsible for creating and printing their posters (60×85cm [A1]), while their display in a specially designed location will be the responsibility of the Committee. Posters should be submitted to the Committee on the day before the Symposium. During the Symposium participants with posters will be allotted time to present their contributions to the public.

Please indicate upon submission whether the proposed paper **(a)** is intended for the one-day themed conference or is a free communication, and **(b)** if it will be delivered orally or in poster form.

As in previous Symposia, summaries of the contributions will be published. The resulting publication has the character of a preliminary presentation. The summaries must include essential information regarding the subject, content, and originality of the paper. Speakers are requested to send by e-mail a summary of their proposed contribution (major paper, free communication, poster presentation), without footnotes, bibliography or illustrations, apart from small line drawings. The summary must be submitted in digital form (please follow the attached model).

The Board of the Christian Archaeological Society, and in particular the Organizing and Academic Committee of the *43rd Symposium of the ChAE* reserve the right to reject or propose changes to summaries which:

- do not fall within the domain of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine archaeology and art
- do not meet the required standards of originality and contribution to scholarship
- include personal attacks
- are submitted after the deadline

To participate in the *43rd Symposium of the ChAE*, submissions of communications or those specifically related to the theme of the one-day Conference must be sent, along with summaries, to the ChAE e-mail: chae.secretary@gmail.com by **Tuesday, January 30, 2024**.

On behalf of the Board of the Christian Archaeological Society

INFORMATION

Secretariat of the ChAE Symposium:

Christian Archaeological Society, c/o Byzantine and Christian Museum, Mrs Sophia Giannioti, office days: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00-14:00, tel.: + 30 213 213 9556.

Please support the organisation of the Symposium by purchasing the booklet with the program and the summaries of the major papers, communications and posters of the Symposium, the cost of which is set at 15€.

Annual membership of the Christian Archaeological Society for the year 2024 is 30€. Payment of fees for the current or previous years can be made during the Symposium; however electronic payments into the following accounts are encouraged:

National Bank of Greece: IBAN GR5101100800000008067565229.

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(Beneficiary: Christian Archaeological Society).

All bank charges to be paid by the remitter.

During the Symposium ChAE publications will be made available at a 40% discount.

For those who have settled their membership fees (including the year 2024) the discount will be 50%.

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