



SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
ON BLACK SEA ANTIQUITIES

*The Greeks and Romans in the Black Sea and the Importance of the Pontic Region for the
Graeco-Roman World (7th c BC-5th c AD): 20 Years On (1997-2017)*

(Constanta – 18-22 September 2017)

**The Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research of Romania
The University of Bucharest
The Museum for National History and Archaeology of Constanta
The "Ovidius" University of Constanta**

CONGRESS WEB-SITE: <<http://www.minac.ro/sixth-international-congress-on-black-sea-antiquities.html>>

*The Congress is dedicated to Prof. Sir John Boardman (University of Oxford)
to celebrate his exceptional achievements and his 90th birthday*

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SECOND CIRCULA

Dear Colleague,

Once again, thank you very much for your interest and for sending your participation form.

We received about 200 forms and 143 proposals for papers. Thus, you will appreciate that it has taken some time to collate everything. We apologise for the slight delay arising from this in sending out the second circular.

The Congress venue.

In view of the numbers, it has proved more practical to hold the Congress on the campus of Ovidius University in Constanta than in the city centre itself. The campus is about 5 km north of the centre, close to the Mamaia resort area.

The address of the main venue is:

Campus Building A, University Alley (main entrance, first floor), 900470 Constanta (GPS 44.217032, 28.623379).

The opening and registration will take place at the old university venue:

Blvd Mamaia 124, Library Building (main entrance, first floor)
(GPS 44.194581, 28.649864).

Congress buses will be available to take participants between the venues, between the venues and hotels, and to and from lunch.

The hotels on the list below have been chosen for their location in the same part of the city.

Practical Aspects of the Congress

Expolitoral Turism (www.expolitoralurism.ro; contact: expo@infolitoral.ro; tel. +40 241 555000) will be handling hotels, transport, collection of fees, mid-congress excursion (included in the participation fee), the post-congress excursion and payment for it, etc.

Recommended Hotels

Hotel Malibu. www.hotelmalibu.ro

Hotel Parc www.parc mamaia.ro

Hotel Oxford www.hoteloxford.ro

Hotel Nevada Blvd Aurel Vlaicu nr 311 (can be found on Facebook)

These are all 3* superior or 4*. Of course, you can book yourself, or book other hotels, but Expolitoral is offering a special discounted Congress price on accommodation at the four hotels mentioned above.

We are investigating cheaper accommodation for students (shared rooms). FOR THIS REASON, COULD ANY STUDENT WISHING TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS ACCOMMODATION LET ME KNOW URGENTLY (so that we can arrange the rooms).

Mid-Congress Excursion (included in participation fee)

Visit to the Museum of National History and Archaeology, Constanta, with guided tour around city of Constanta, thence to Histria (where there will be lunch).

Post-Congress Excursion

23-24 September 2017. Trip to Danube Delta

Leaving Constanta by bus at 10.30 (details will be announced during the Congress). Price 98 euros per person. This includes the bus, trip on ship to explore delta, lunch on the ship, visit to Tulcea Museum, one night in hotel in Tulcea (dinner at 13 euros per head extra). Return to Constanta on September 24th via Orgame/Argamum, Enisala (with guided tours of both), and some other sites. Booking arrangements for this tour will be handled by Expolitoral Turism – please contact them about payment and other practical matters (and copy any correspondence with them to irina.sodoleanu@gmail.com ; she has excellent English).

Fees

The Congress fee is 80 euros (what is included was listed in the first circular). This will be payable in cash upon arrival at the registration desk.

Arrival/Departure

You are likely to arrive at Bucharest International alias Henri Coanda (Otopeni) Airport. Although you can make arrangements with Expolitoral to be met and transferred (for extra payment), we recommend that you use Alt Transport – http://alt-transportpersoane.ro/ro_RO/rezervare-online/. One-way tickets straight to your hotel cost 80 RON. Please book on line well ahead.

Arrangements can be made with Expolitoral to meet you at/take you to the local airport in Constanta. But the range of flights is severely limited (see <https://www.mk-airport.ro>).

If arriving by bus or train in Constanta, please arrange in good time a hotel transfer with Expolitoral, or take a taxi. All cabs have their company name visible on top of their cars, as well as the prices they ask per km during daytime or at night. DO NOT take the cabs that stop just in front of the train station and call for travellers to choose them. There is a cab station on the right of the train station, just after crossing the street. Taxi companies recommended: City taxi Constanța (<https://www.taximetre.ro/companie/city-taxi-constant/>), Romaris taxi (<https://www.taximetre.ro/companie/taxi-romaris/>), Mihai taxi (<https://www.taximetre.ro/companie/taxi-mihai-taxi-constant/>), Săgeata taxi (<https://www.taximetre.ro/companie/taxi-sageata/>), Mondial taxi (<https://www.taximetre.ro/companie/taxi-mondial-constant-2/#comentarii>).

Attached are some aerial photographs showing the location of the venue, the university, hotels, railway station, etc. (kindly provided by the Museum of National History and Archaeology, Constanta).

Please remember to have cash in euros (for payments of Congress fees) as well as in RON for all other local payments.

Preliminary Programme (attached)

As we said, we received 143 proposals for papers. It has been very hard to create a programme. Nearly half the presentations are posters. There was no other way to accommodate everyone because we do not do parallel sessions, so that everyone can listen to everyone.

We would like to assure you that we consider the posters just as important as oral presentations. They will be published in the Congress Proceedings just like oral presentations. Posters can be a maximum of 2 x A3 sheets.

We shall update the programme during the Congress from day to day when we become aware of people unable to come. The updated programme will be displayed at the entrance to the auditorium.

Abstracts (attached)

Both the abstracts and the programme will be available on the Congress web site and in printed form in your Congress folders.

Duration of Papers

We have a very intense schedule, thus papers must stick strictly to the **15-minute** timetabling. If a paper over-runs, the chairman of the session or the Secretary-General will bring it to a close. Please respect the participants scheduled to speak after you.

For academic matters, please contact the Secretary-General (g.tsetskhladze63@gmail.com). For practical matters, please contact Irina Sodoleanu at the Museum of National History and Archaeology, Constanta (irina.sodoleanu@gmail.com). In case of emergency, while in Romania, here is her mobile telephone number (+40) 0743 043585.

We shall let you know as and when new information is available.

On behalf of the International and National Organising Committees,

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