



12th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF CRETAN STUDIES  
THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**FIRST CIRCULAR**

According to the decision taken during the closing session of the 11th International Congress of Cretan Studies (27/10/2011), the organization of the 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies was entrusted to the Society of Cretan Historical Studies which has appointed its Organizing Committee. The President and the Members of the Committee hereby address the call for the expression of interest to all wishing to participate in the 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies.

The Congress will be held in the city of Heraklion from the 21st to the 25th of September 2016, and its proceedings will be divided into three main sections which correspond to the three long periods of Cretan history:

- a) the Prehistoric and Ancient Greek period,
- b) the Byzantine and Medieval period, and
- c) the Modern period (up to the late 20th century).

The selected thematic axis for all three sections of the 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies shall be **mobility**. Those interested in participating in the Congress are thus invited to address the theme in reference to Crete and insularity in historical perspective. More specifically, the thematic of *mobility* addresses:

- The migration of people to, from and within Crete. Mobility therefore refers to geographic and spatial -peaceful or violent- human group mobility and the new realities it engendered.
- The flow of goods, services and practices in relation to paths, routes, journeys and the exchange of both tangible and intangible forms of culture.
- Social mobility and social and ideological transformations with reference to social change, stratification, and the configuration of the urban and rural areas. Changes in the social, institutional (civic, political and administrative), cultural and natural environment are also included, with the correlation and integration of these aspects into broader geopolitical and cultural contexts being considered preferable.

All wishing to participate in the Congress are invited to submit an abstract of 300-500 words of their proposal at the electronic platform [www.12-ICCS.gr](http://www.12-ICCS.gr), from the 15th of July to the 30th of November 2015.

Proposals may include either panels or paper presentations (oral or poster). For joint proposals for Workshops, please submit an overall summary of 200-400 words and abstracts of 300-500 words for each separate announcement.

The thematic axis of "mobility" is not considered obligatory in the cases of poster presentation proposals.

The abstracts submitted should list the main issues addressed, the general research framework, marking out the aspects of originality of the proposed contribution.

Only one proposal per applicant should be submitted (either individually or jointly).

The languages of the Congress will be Greek, English, French, German and Italian.

The acceptance or rejection of submitted proposals will be communicated preserving the anonymity of the scientific committee's reviews, by the 15th of March 2016.

Each presentation should not exceed fifteen (15') minutes plus another five (5') minutes for discussion.

The Congress will be organized in three plenary sessions with invited speakers to be announced shortly.

The participation fee for contributors is thirty (30) Euros. Free participation will be granted to postgraduate and PhD students, and unemployed scholars.

The Proceedings of the 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies will certainly be published and at least in the form of an e-book shortly after the completion of the Congress.

For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Congress Secretariat:

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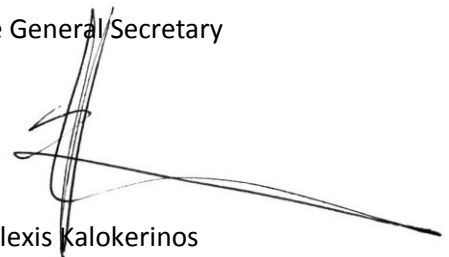
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