

XXI^e Congrès international de la Société Rencesvals

Toronto, 13 - 17 August 2018

Second Circular

13 March 2018

As previously announced, the 21st International Congress of the *Société Rencesvals* will take place from August 13-17 2018 at the University of Toronto, Canada. The congress sessions and events will be held on the University of Toronto's downtown campus, at Victoria College and St Michael's College, on the east side of Queen's Park. A few events will take place in other buildings on the same campus.

We would like to remind you that the themes selected are as follows:

1. The *chanson de geste* between France and England (Plenary Speaker: Luke Sunderland, Durham University)
2. Travels and exchanges: diversity, cultural contact, and the Romance epic in the Americas (Plenary Speaker: Simone Pinet, Cornell University)
3. Family structures, filiation, and bastardy (Plenary Speaker: Muriel Ott, Université de Strasbourg)
4. Production centers of the *chanson de geste* (Plenary Speaker: Gabriele Giannini, Université de Montréal)
5. *Varia*

Photo: Oliphant, Sicily, 12th c., Aga Khan Museum, AKM 809 @ The Aga Khan Museum

The congress's chief languages will be French, Spanish, and Italian. We will also consider paper proposals in English. Papers will be 20-25 minutes in length (30 minutes with discussion time included). Thanks to all those who have already submitted a proposal. We will accept proposals until 14 April.

Any person who wishes to present a paper must be a member in good standing of the Société Rencesvals. Other individuals, who have a justified interest in the topic, may also register for the congress.

The congress excursion will be to the Niagara Peninsula (Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, wine tasting). We will also organize guided tours to points of interest within Toronto (details TBA). We hope to arrange for a reception on Sunday evening (12 August).

A list of hotels with which we have concluded agreements as well as of other relatively low-priced accommodations is accessible on the congress website (<https://rencesvals2018.utoronto.ca>). Please refer to this for details of the conditions of each establishment.

In order to conform to the transparency requirements of the University, we had to sign a contract with HartHouse Tickets Services for the collection of the registration fees. The registration page should be open towards 10 April. You will have to pay a small additional amount (of 3 \$ CDN per person) on top of the fees collected.

Registration fees:

Regular participants : 200 \$ CDN

Accompanying persons, students, unemployed persons: 90 \$ CDN

Excursion (includes : transport by coach, boat tour, box lunch, wine tasting) : 85 \$ CDN

Congress dinner : 89 \$ CDN

Lunches at Victoria College (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday): 17 \$ CDN per diem

The price of the visit to the Aga Khan Museum on Saturday morning could not yet be fixed, but will appear on the registration website. (Depending on the final number of papers, this visit may be moved to Friday morning.)

Final registration and payments must be made by 14 May 2018.

The provisional programme of the congress follows below.

Provisional Programme

Sunday 12 August

from 6 pm Reception (to be confirmed)

Monday 13 August

from 8 : 30 am Registration
 9 : 30 - 10 : 15 Opening ceremony
 10 : 15 - 11 : 15 Plenary lecture (Luke Sunderland)
 11 : 15 - 11 : 45 Coffee break
 11 : 45 - 12 : 45 Parallel sessions
 Lunch
 14 : 30 - 16 : 00 Parallel sessions
 16 : 00 - 16 : 30 Coffee break
 16 : 45 - 17 : 45 National branch meetings (most at St Michael's College)
 Evening Reception or cultural event

Tuesday 14 August

9 : 00 - 10 : 30 Parallel sessions
 10 : 30 - 11 : 00 Coffee break
 11 : 00 - 12 :00 Parallel sessions
 12 : 00 - 13 : 00 Plenary lecture (Gabriele Giannini)
 Lunch
 14 : 00 - 16 : 00 Parallel sessions
 16 : 00 - 16 : 30 Coffee break
 16 : 30 - Meeting of the international Bureau | Visit in town
 Evening Reception or cultural event

Wednesday 15 August

8 : 30 Departure to the Niagara Peninsula, return to Toronto scheduled for 7 - 7 :30 pm.

Thursday 16 August

9 : 00 - 10 : 30	Parallel sessions	
10 : 30 - 11 : 00	Coffee break	
11 : 00 - 12 : 00	Parallel sessions	
12 : 00 - 13 : 00	Plenary lecture (Simone Pinet)	
	Lunch	
14 : 30 - 18 : 30	Workshop on Fragments	Visits in town
	(moderated by Gabriele Giannini)	
20 :00-	Cultural event (to be confirmed)	

Friday 17 August

9 : 00 - 10 : 30	Parallel sessions
10 : 30 - 11 : 00	Coffee break
11 : 00- 12 : 00	Parallel sessions
12 : 00 - 13 : 00	Project presentations
	Lunch
14 : 30 - 15 : 30	Plenary lecture (Muriel Ott)
15 : 30 - 16 : 00	Coffee break
16 : 00 - 18 : 00	General Assembly
19 h -	Conference dinner

Saturday 18 August

9 :45 Departure for the Aga Khan Museum, return scheduled around 12 noon.

The Organizing Committee hopes to see you in Toronto!

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