

XXI^e Congrès international de la Société Rencesvals

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Third Circular

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The date of our conference is now fast approaching, and it is high time to give you some more information.

We would like to remind you that the government of Canada makes each person entering the country pay a fee (called eTA, "Electronic Travel Authorization"). Currently, the cost is 7 CAD per person. Only Canadian citizens and permanent residents are exempt from it. Airlines require one to have paid the eTA before issuing boarding passes. Payment can be made online in just a few minutes' time. We strongly recommend that you make the payments in advance on the government website (<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp> or <http://www.cic.gc.ca/francais/visiter/ave.asp>) in order to avoid any fraud.

For those who will already be in town on Sunday, August 12th, a small welcome reception (offered by the Istituto Italiano di Cultura Toronto) will take place Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the "Great Hall" of the Centre for Medieval Studies of the University of Toronto (125 Queen's Park, Lillian Massey Building, 3rd floor - one of our volunteers will be at the door of the building until around 7:15 p.m. to let you in). You will also be able to register for the conference then. The conference will begin on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the central building of Victoria College ("Old Vic," 91 Charles Street West, also accessible from Queen's Park Crescent East and St Mary Street), Room 213 ("Victoria Chapel"), on the second floor. The conference office will be open from 8:30 a.m. on Monday in the foyer on the ground floor of Old Vic. For those who are not offered a free breakfast at their hotels or lodgings, a light continental breakfast will also be available starting at 8:30 a.m.

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

Some of you have encountered difficulties with online payments or just have not paid yet. All payments can still be made after your arrival, although only online, by phone, or at the office of Hart House Tickets (Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, office 158, tel. 416 978 8849, open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; our volunteers will be happy to guide you there).

However, we need to determine in advance the number of people participating in the five following events (along with, where applicable, dietary restrictions):

a) the visit to the Art Gallery of Ontario in the late afternoon on August 14

price: \$22 (adults), \$19 (seniors, 65+), \$15 (children, 6-17)

b) the excursion on August 15

price : \$85/person

Please give us information as soon as possible about:

- your dietary preferences for the box lunch during the excursion (you will have only the following options: regular, vegetarian, and gluten-free; we are sorry that a vegan option cannot be offered on this occasion)
- whether or not you drink wine (in Ontario, the minimum age for drinking alcohol is 19 [*sic*].)

c-d) the two trips intended for accompanying persons (which will offer a glimpse at the history of Toronto in the 19th century)

c) the guided tour (in French) of the historic parts of the Distillery District in the late afternoon of August 16

price: \$30/person

d) the trip to Fort York

price: \$20 (adults), \$14 (adolescents, 13-18), \$12 (children, 6-12) \$16 (seniors, 65+)

e) the banquet on August 17

price : \$89/person

Please give us information as soon as possible about:

- your dietary preferences (the regular option will include pork, but, if we receive your requests sufficiently in advance, we will be able to offer vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, nut-free.)

f) the visit to the Aga Khan Museum, Saturday, August 18

price : \$29 (adults) ; \$26 (senior) ; \$24 (students) ; \$22 (children 6-13)

We ask everyone who has not yet informed us of either their intent to participate in these events or their dietary preferences to do it as soon as possible and before August 5 at the absolute latest. Fees must be paid via Hart House Tickets. We will be able to add people at the last minute only to the Fort York trip; since we will probably not reach the number of people required for the group rate at this

site, you will also be able to pay at the entrance. The prices listed for the three trips within town (a, c, d) include public transport fares. One of our volunteers will accompany each of the groups. In the case of the Aga Khan Museum, we will travel there by taxi.

We remind you that whoever wants to present a paper must be a member in good standing of the Société Rencesvals. However, you will be able to become a member of the Société on-site. Other persons who justify their interest may, however, register for the conference.

The conference lecture rooms are equipped with projectors, and there will be a computer in each room.

Looking forward to greeting you here in Toronto, and wishing you an excellent trip,
Dorothea Kullmann (on behalf of the organizing committee)

P.S. The general program and the schedule of papers (in its present form) are attached.

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