

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

Plans for the 29TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORIENTALISTS are proceeding and the text of the first invitation has now been received. It reads as follows:

The 29th International Congress of Orientalists will be held in Paris, from 16 to 22 July 1973, in conformity with the resolution approved by the 28th International Congress of Orientalists in Canberra in January 1971.

The Congress will be held in celebration of the centenary of the First Congress of Orientalists held in Paris in 1873 and of the 150th anniversaries of the foundation of the Société Asiatique and of Champollion's deciphering of the hieroglyphic system.

The President of the Congress, M. René Labat, Professeur au Collège de France and Président de la Société Asiatique, and the Organizing Committee have the honor of inviting you to the Congress and ask you to let your colleagues and your teaching and research staffs and your research students know of it. Invitations will be sent to any persons whose names you send us, or will be sent to them if they write directly to us.

Secretary-General:

Yves HERVOUET, Professeur à l'Université de Paris VIII.

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Paul GARELLI, Professeur à l'Université de Paris I.

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Registration Fees: The registration fee will be 150 F for ordinary members and 50 F for students. Complete information on lodging and meals will be given in the second invitation which will be sent only to those who have answered the first invitation by sending in the enclosed card.

Air France has been appointed as official air carrier for the Congress. The sales departments for your area are at your service to arrange for your individual or group travel.

Address: XXIXe Congrès des Orientalistes, Collège de France, Place Marcelin-Berthelot, 75-Paris-5e, France.

Program: The Congress will be divided into eleven sections and a certain number of sub-sections. The following is a list of these sections and sub-sections together with the names of the chairmen responsible for them.

1. Ancient Near East:

- a) Assyriology: M. Arnaud, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5e Section.
- b) Egyptology: M. Posener, Professeur au Collège de France, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.

- c) Semitic Studies: M. Caquot, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5e Section.
2. The Christian Orient: M. Feydit, Professeur à l'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales.
3. Hebraic Studies: M. Vajda, Professeur à l'Université de Paris III, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5e Section.
4. Arabic and Islamic Studies:
- a) History and Civilization: M. Cahen, Professeur à l'Université de Paris I.
- b) Language and Literature: M. Pellat, Professeur à l'Université de Paris IV.
5. Iranian Studies:
- a) Ancient Iran: M. Gignoux, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5e Section.
- b) Modern Iran: M. Lazard, Professeur à l'Université de Paris III.
6. Central Asia:
- a) Ancient Central Asian Civilization: M. Hambis, Professeur au Collège de France, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.
- b) Mongol Studies: Mme Hamayon, Chargée de Conférences à l'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales.
- c) Turkish Studies: M. Bazin, Professeur à l'Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.
7. India:
- a) Pre-modern India: M. Filliozat, Directeur de l'Ecole Française d'Extrême-Orient, Professeur au Collège de France, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.
- b) Modern India: M. Thorner, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 6e Section.
8. Southeast Asia:
- a) Insulindian Archipelago: M. Lombard, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 6e Section.
- b) Southeast Continental Asia: M. Lafont, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.

9. Chinese Studies:

- a) Pre-modern China: M. Soymié, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.
- b) Modern China: M. Chesneaux, Professeur à l'Université de Paris VII, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 6e Section.

10. Japanese and Korean Studies:

- a) Korea: M. Li Ogg, Charge de Conférences à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 4e Section.
- b) Japan: M. Rotermond, Directeur d'Etudes à l'Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, 5e Section.

11. Libraries, Bibliography, Reference Materials: Mme Guignard, Conservateur de la section orientale du Département des Manuscrits de la Bibliothèque Nationale.

All enquiries regarding arrangements for Section 11: Libraries, should be addressed to Mr. J.D. Pearson, Librarian, SOAS Library, University of London, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HP, England.

Some seminars on interdisciplinary questions will be organized. Details will be given in the second invitation.

Please inform the Secretary-General or the chairman of the section concerned of the subject of the paper you would like to present before 1 January 1973 at the very latest. An abstract of the paper no longer than 200 words must be sent in at least three months before the beginning of the Congress, that is, before the first of April 1973, so that the members of the Congress will have it available when work begins.

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