



18th Congress of the Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre
Thessaloniki, 21-25 September 2009

First Circular and Call for Papers

The 18th Congress

The 18th Congress of the Association Internationale pour l'Histoire du Verre will take place in Thessaloniki, the largest city of Northern Greece, from Monday, September 21st through to Friday, September 25th 2009. It will be organized by the Hellenic Committee of the AIHV and the Hellenic Ministry of Culture - Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki.

Special attention will be given to Greek glass from prehistory through to the Byzantine period; therefore, relevant communications will be particularly welcomed.

The intentions of the organising committee of the 18th Congress are to have a full program of lectures and two poster sessions, opportunities to visit museums both in Thessaloniki and elsewhere in Northern Greece, and a full social program. During museum visits, material from reserve collections will be presented.

The Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki is planning, on the occasion of the congress, to present a major exhibition, on the art and archaeology of glass in Northern Greece.

Provisional Programme

Sunday, September 20 th	Evening – Registration and reception
Monday, September 21 st	All day - Lecture sessions
Tuesday, September 22 nd	All day - Lecture sessions and Poster session
Wednesday, September 23 rd	Morning - Lecture sessions Afternoon – City visits
Thursday, September 24 th	All day - Lecture sessions and Poster session
Friday, September 25 th	All day - Lecture sessions
Saturday, September 26 th	All day - 1 st and 2 nd post-congress trip (to choose one of the two)
Sunday, September 27 th	All day - 3 rd post-congress trip

Post-Congress Trips

Three one-day post-congress trips will be organised, each giving the opportunity to visit a different part of Macedonia. It is intended to include important museums and sites, presenting particular interest to glass specialists. The participants will continue to be based at their hotels in Thessaloniki. Participation to the trips will be optional for one, two, or for all three. (According to interest the 1st and 2nd might be repeated during a third day)



1st Excursion Vergina-Dion-Pikrolimni

Vergina: The city of Aegae, the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Macedonia, was discovered in the 19th century near Vergina, in Northern Greece. The most important remains are the monumental palace, the theatre, and the burial ground with more than 300 tumuli, some of which date from the 11th century B.C. One of the royal tombs in the Great Tumulus is identified as the one of Philip II, who conquered many Greek cities, paving the way for his son Alexander and the expansion of the Hellenic world. The local museum is a shelter over the magnificently built and painted royal tombs, and the exhibition comprises all the unearthed treasures.

Dion: the sacred city of the Macedonians, with a sanctuary founded in the 5th century BC, dedicated to the father of Gods, Zeus, at the foothill of Mt. Olympus. This sacred place was for the Macedonians everything that Zeus' sanctuary in ancient Olympia was for the rest of the Greeks. Inside the walls, one can see the remains of the rich houses, the baths, the Odeion and a Christian basilica. Outside the walls, there exist intensive sanctuaries and the earliest existing theater in Macedonia.

Pikrolimni: the ancient lake of Chalastra, mentioned by Pliny as a source of natron.

2nd excursion, Philippi-Amphipolis

Philippi: a Roman colony, with a theatre and a forum, that was located on the Egnatian Way, the primary road across Macedonia. A cosmopolitan city, Philippi blended Greek and Latin traditions; excavations have brought to light three basilicas, which remind us of Apostle Saint Paul's first preach ever on European soil.

Amphipolis: Classical town well-known from Thucydides' description and the Battle of Amphipolis, fought in 422 BC during the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta. The local museum houses finds from the city and its region.

3rd Excursion, Mount Athos cruise

An Orthodox spiritual centre since 1054, Mount Athos has enjoyed an autonomous status since Byzantine times. The 'Holy Mountain', which is forbidden to women and children, is also a registered artistic site. The monasteries (about 20 of which are presently inhabited by some 1,400 monks) had a strong religious and artistic influence as far afield as Russia. Each of these monasteries safeguards Byzantine and late-Byzantine relics whose religious and historical value is immeasurable.

Provisional Timetable

June 2008	First circular and call for papers
October 2008	Deadline for receiving abstracts
January 2009	Notification of acceptance of papers
April 2009	Second circular and announcement of draft program
June 2009	Deadline for booking with discount
December 2009	Submission of full papers



Contributions

Prospective speakers should submit a 250-300 word abstract by October 2008. Please send abstracts using the submission form and send it as an attached file to aihv18@symvoli.gr. Acceptance of papers will be based on the abstracts, so the latter must reflect the importance of the contribution and be as clear and informative as possible.

Excavators of Greek sites or sites of Greek interest abroad (Magna Grecia, the Balkans, the Black Sea, Turkey, Northern Africa, the Hellenistic kingdoms of the East) who do not wish to present an oral communication are particularly encouraged to present recent glass finds in posters.

Papers should have duration of 20 minutes. The languages of the congress are English, French, and German. There will be no simultaneous translation.

The Congress themes are expected to focus on the history, archaeology, technology, archaeometry, and conservation of glass from the entire world:

Europe:

2nd millennium BCE/ Mycenaean / Bronze Age

1st millennium BCE / Archaic / Classical

Hellenistic

Roman

Early Christian / Late Antiquity

Byzantine / Early Islamic / Post-Roman West

Post Byzantine / Venetian / Façon de Venise / Later Islamic

18th and 19th centuries

Asia

America

Africa

Oceania

Publication of the congress proceedings

All submissions approved by the Academic Committee will be included in the programme (either as oral contributions or as posters) and will eventually be published in the congress proceedings. Guidelines for the preparation of full texts will be announced with the notification of acceptance.

AIHV membership

Only members of the AIHV are entitled to the reduced congress fee and to one copy of the proceedings. Information on how to become a member is available from <http://www.aihv.org/>



Congress fees

According to the AIHV policy there will be a participation fee as follows:

AIHV member	Until June 1 st 2009	€ 260
	After June 1 st 2009	€ 290
Non-member	Until June 1 st 2009	€ 300
	After June 1 st 2009	€ 330
Non-members from low-wage countries	Until June 1 st 2009	€ 130
	After June 1 st 2009	€ 150
Students	Until June 1 st 2009	€ 130
	After June 1 st 2009	€ 150
Accompanying person	Until June 1 st 2009	€ 130
	After June 1 st 2009	€ 150

This participation fee covers the attendance to the Scientific Programme, one congress bag (including program, abstract book and other printed material) and free refreshments during the academic sessions' programme, free admission to the Opening Reception and to the Farewell Party.

Travel and accommodation

Participants will be responsible for the costs and arrangement of their own travel and accommodation. Hotels, prices and other details will be announced through the official site of the congress and all bookings must be made through the secretariat in order to receive special prices.

Financial support

The AIHV will consider the possibility of limited financial support, in the form of bursaries for members from low-wage countries, or students. If you wish to apply for financial support, please contact the Secretariat of AIHV until February 2009. The bursaries will be awarded, on the basis of need and merit, to *members* whose papers have been accepted, and who will attend and submit their papers for publication.

Information

The main source of information about the congress will be our website www.aghv.gr which is currently under construction.

All enquiries must be addressed to the official congress secretariat:

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Useful links

AIHV <http://www.aihv.org/>
Hellenic Ministry of Culture <http://www.culture.gr/>
Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki <http://www.amth.gr/>
Museum of Byzantine Culture <http://www.mbp.gr/>
Municipality of Thessaloniki www.thessalonikicity.gr
Prefecture of Central Macedonia www.rcm.gr

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