

RENCONTRES ÉGÉENNES INTERNATIONALES/ INTERNATIONAL AEGEAN CONFERENCES

30 April 2015

Dear Colleague,

We take great pleasure in inviting you to take part in the

16th INTERNATIONAL AEGEAN CONFERENCE

to be held at the **University of Ioannina**
from **18 to 21 May 2016**
on the topic

ΕΣΠΕΡΟΣ / HESPEROS **THE AEGEAN SEEN FROM THE WEST**

and to deliver a paper on that occasion.

The 16th International Aegean Conference / Rencontre égéenne internationale will encompass all the geographical regions west of the Aegean (Epirus and Albania, the Ionian and the Adriatic Seas, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Sardinia, Corsica, the Iberian peninsula and the Balearic islands), seeking to underscore the points of interaction between the Aegean and those regions, and the traits of the local civilizations which can be attributed to contact with the Aegean world of the 3rd and 2nd millennia BC, not excluding the Neolithic background.

Our aim is to assemble around the same table of discussion scholars who study the prehistory of Central and Western Mediterranean and colleagues who conduct research in the Aegean, thus paving the way for the HESPEROS sessions to become a fertile ground for critical readings of the data and extract conclusions about the parallel trajectories and interactive dynamics across the civilizations of the Mediterranean.

We are enormously interested in papers presenting recent archaeological research in Central and Western Mediterranean and in new interpretations of older data. Contributions on the Western Peloponnese and Western Central Greece focusing on relations with Central and Western Mediterranean are also welcome.

In order to save sufficient time for discussion the number of oral presentations will be limited to 55. Proposals for papers are to be submitted before 31 May 2015, including a substantial abstract. The organizing committee will then make its selection. Proposals considered to be insufficiently close to the theme may be accepted as poster presentations and incorporated in the publication of the proceedings in the series *Aegaeum*, *Annales liégeoises d'archéologie égéenne*. We kindly ask for your understanding as to the necessary limitation of papers: the temporal frame of the four day conference cannot be exceeded.

Please fill and return the attached form to the secretariat of the Rencontre at the address aegaeum16@conf.uoi.gr. The second circular will be sent in August/September 2015, including a provisional programme as well as further information on the conference in Ioannina.

We look forward very much to welcoming you in Ioannina in May 2016.

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