

12th INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON MEDIEVAL & MODERN PERIOD MEDITERRANEAN CERAMICS

FIRST CIRCULAR

The International Association for the Study of Medieval and Modern period Mediterranean Ceramics (AIECM3) is an international society which promotes and reinforces the study of medieval and modern period pottery in the Mediterranean. It was established in 1992 (as the AIECM2) at the initiative of a group founding researchers from different Mediterranean countries.

In 2012, on the occasion of the Silvès meeting, it was decided to enlarge the organization's research field to include the study of ceramics of the modern era, and leading to it being renamed the AIECM3. The society organizes triennial plenary Congresses and occasional thematic meetings, and ensures the regular publication of the Acts. The aim of these conferences is to present the cutting edge of research in every special field that is part of the wider context of medieval and modern ceramics but also to draw general conclusions from the study of the societies that produced, exported, imported and ultimately consumed these ceramics. For this reason, thematic axes are selected

to facilitate the inclusion of lectures in more general thematic groups and the drawing of the final conclusions.

The next Congress will take place in Athens from October 21^{st} to October 27, 2018.

The Congress is organized by the Department of Archaeology and the History of Art of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens with the participation of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (Institute of Historical Research), the French School at Athens and the Centre for the Study of Modern Ceramics (G. Psaropoulos family Foundation). In the frame of the Congress, exhibitions of Medieval and Modern Ceramics and workshops will be organized.

The General Themes of the next Congress will be:

- Workshops and ceramic technology
- Ceramology and archaeometry
- Pottery as a factor of commercial exchanges and shipwrecks
- Pottery as factor of social cohesion or differentiation
- New discoveries

Scholars willing to participate to the Congress with a 20'lecture or a poster are kindly requested to complete the Registration Form and return it before November 15, 2017 to $\underline{\text{aiecm3athens2018@arch.uoa.gr}} \ .$

The Congress fee will be 50 euros (25 for students) and cover the Congress Program and Abstracts, attendance at sessions and coffee-brakes, entrance to the receptions, exhibitions, workshops and a daily excursion to Thebes and Chalkis. Details about the fee payment and proposals for the accommodation of the participants will follow with the $2^{\rm nd}$ circular.









