

SECOND CIRCULAR

The Organizing Committee of the 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies would like to inform you that the full, detailed programme with abstracts of the Congress is now available at www.12-ICCS.gr.

The 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies opens in Heraklion on Wednesday 21/9 with the opening session (17:00) and the first plenary session (19:00) at the Basilica of St. Mark (Lions Square). The Congress continues from Thursday 22/9 and concludes on Sunday 25/9 at the new Cultural and Conference Centre of Heraklion (on Plastiras Avenue, opposite the Martinengo Bastion and the tomb of Nikos Kazantzakis). The opening session will provide simultaneous translation into English for foreign participants.

The work of Sections A, B and C of the Congress will be held in parallel morning and afternoon sessions, in suitably equipped rooms of the Cultural and Conference Centre of Heraklion (CCCH), which is hosting a major scholarly conference for the first time. The second and third plenary sessions will be held at the CCCH on Thursday 22/9 (19:00) and Friday 23/9 (19:00), and the Congress will conclude on 25/9 with the closing session (12:30). The plenary sessions will be live-streamed by the University of Crete.

The 12th International Congress of Cretan Studies enjoys the financial support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sports, the Region of Crete and the Andreas and Maria Kalokerinos Foundations. Minoan Lines and local hotels have offered discounts for participants, while the Congress sites are provided free of charge by the Municipality of Heraklion and the Municipal Enterprise for Culture, Tourism and Development of Heraklion (DEPTAI), which has funded the upgrade of the CCCH infrastructure for the purpose.

Please see below for useful information and the programme of parallel events of the Congress:

Useful Information

Congress Secretariat: On Wednesday 21/9, the first day of the Congress, the Secretariat will be open in the morning (10:00-14:00) at the Historical Museum of Crete (27, Sofokli Venizelou Avenue, tel. + 30 2810 288708) and in the afternoon (16:00-21:00) at the Basilica of St. Mark (Lions Square). From 22 to 25 September, the Secretariat will be open at the Cultural and

Conference Centre of Heraklion (Plastiras Avenue, tel. +30 2810 283761) on the ground-floor patio (Level 0).

Parking: The Cultural and Conference Centre of Heraklion (CCCH) offers parking space at the basement level of the building.

WiFi: The CCCH has free wireless internet offered by the Municipality of Heraklion.

Coffee breaks: Congress coffee breaks will be held during the morning and afternoon sessions at the CCCH, in Room 6 (Level 2).

Congress Shop: From 22 to 25 September, throughout the duration of the Congress, a shop will be operating at the CCCH, in Room 6 (Level 2), offering a selection of publications of Cretological interest and other products.

Coffee-Snack Shop: The CCCH Coffee-Snack Shop is situated on the ground-floor patio (Level 0, next to the Congress Secretariat) and will operate throughout the duration of the Congress selling coffee, drinks and light refreshments.

Photocopies: Participants can use the photocopy facilities at the Congress Shop, Room 6 (Level 2).

Social Media: Follow the @12ICCS twitter account for Congress news and events.

Parallel events for participants and their companions

Wednesday 21/9, 11:30 & 13:30: Guided tours of the Historical Museum of Crete by HMC curators. | 21:30: Reception for all 12th ICCS participants by the Municipality of Heraklion, in the atrium of St Mark's Basilica.

Friday 23/9, 21:30: Reception for all 12th ICCS participants by the Society of Cretan Historical Studies, at the Cultural and Conference Centre of Heraklion.

Sunday 25/9, 15:00-17:00: Guided tour of the newly renovated Venetian fortress Rocca a Mare ("Koules", Old Port of Heraklion) offered by the Heraklion Ephorate of Antiquities. | 18:00-20:00: Guided tour of the recently renovated Archaeological Museum of Heraklion (Eleftherias Square) by the museum curators. *[If you wish to participate in the above guided tours please inform the Congress Secretariat]*

Looking forward to seeing you!

Heraklion, 12 September 2016

The Organizing Committee