XXIII WORLD CONGRESS OF PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY AS INQUIRY AND WAY OF LIFE

The World Congresses of Philosophy are organized every five years by the International Federation of Philosophical Societies in collaboration with one of its member societies. The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy will be held from August 4 through August 10, 2013, in Athens, Greece, under the auspices of the Hellenic Organizing Committee, which has been constituted by the Greek Philosophical Society.

The Congress has several aims, which are to be understood as complementary:

- to inquire into the world’s philosophical traditions and compare them in terms of their diverse contributions and possible mutual cross-fertilization;
- to reflect on the tasks and functions of philosophy in the contemporary world, taking account of the contributions, expectations, and gaps in philosophical awareness associated with other disciplines, with political, religious, social, economic, technological, etc., activities, and with diverse cultures and traditions;
- to emphasize the importance of philosophical reflection for public discourse on global issues affecting humanity.

Because of its cultural history and geographical situation, Athens is an ideal location for stimulating encounters between scholars from across the world. The main theme of the 2013 Congress, ‘Philosophy as Inquiry and Way of Life’, emphasizing both theory and practice, recalls the declaration of Socrates that the unexamined life is not worth living.

The 2013 Congress invites discussion of the nature, roles, and responsibilities of philosophy and philosophers today, it is committed to paying heed to the problems, conflicts, inequalities, and injustices connected with the development of a planetary civilization that is at once multicultural and techno-scientific.

The main theme of the Congress will be developed, according to the tradition of the World Congresses, in the following four plenary sessions and seven symposia:

PLENARY SESSIONS
1. Philosophical Method
2. Philosophy and the Sciences
3. Philosophy as Practical Wisdom
4. Philosophy and Public Life

SYMPOSIAS
1. The Relevance of Ancient Greek Philosophy Today
2. Eros
3. Philosophy and Religions
4. Art and Cultures
5. Technology and the Environment
6. Current Trends in Epistemology
7. Philosophy in Modern and Contemporary Greece

SECTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTED PAPERS

- Aesthetics and philosophies of art
- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Presocratic philosophy
- Classical Greek philosophy
- Hellenistic philosophy
- Neoplatonic philosophy
- Bioethics
- Buddhist philosophy
- Business ethics
- Byzantine philosophy
- Christian philosophy
- Comparative and intercultural philosophy
- Confucian philosophy
- Contemporary philosophy
- Environmental philosophy
- Ethics
- Existential philosophy
- History of philosophy
- Human rights
- Indian philosophies
- Islamic philosophy
- Jewish philosophy
- Logic
- Medical ethics
- Medieval philosophy
- Metaphilosophy
- Metaphysics
- Modern and contemporary Greek philosophy
- Moral psychology
- Ontology
- Phenomenology
- Philosophical anthropology
- Philosophical approaches to gender
- Philosophical hermeneutics
- Philosophical issues about race
- Philosophical traditions in Africa
- Philosophical traditions in Asia and the Pacific
- Philosophical traditions in Europe
- Philosophical traditions in North America
- Philosophy and linguistics
- Philosophy and literature
- Philosophy and media
- Philosophy and oral traditions of knowledge
- Philosophy & psychoanalysis
- Philosophy for children
- Philosophy of action
- Philosophy of cognitive sciences
- Philosophy of communication and information
- Philosophy of culture
- Philosophy of development
- Philosophy of economics
- Philosophy of education
- Philosophy of globalization
- Philosophy of history
- Philosophy of language
- Philosophy of law
- Philosophy of logic
- Philosophy of mathematics
- Philosophy of mind
- Philosophy of nature
- Philosophy of neurosciences
- Philosophy of physics
- Philosophy of religion
- Philosophy of science
- Philosophy of sport
- Philosophy of technology
- Philosophy of the body
- Philosophy of the life sciences
- Philosophy of the social sciences

ENDOWED LECTURES

There will be at least three endowed lectures, named after three famous philosophers of the past: Ibn Rushd, Maimonides, and Kierkegaard.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Submit either (a) an electronic version by attachment to an e-mail message [see relevant samples and template forms] to the following address Secretariat@wcp2013.gr or, in exceptional circumstances, (b) one paper copy, typewritten and double-spaced, addressed to: Hellenic Organizing Committee 23rd World Congress of Philosophy School of Philosophy – University of Athens ELTA – University Campus 5th Floor, office 501-02 15703 Zografos – Greece.

Papers and proposals for round-tables and poster sessions should be sent to the above addresses.

OTHER SESSIONS

The International Program Committee will decide specific topics of invited sessions.

Proposals are invited for round-tables on more specific philosophical topics. Organizers of round-tables should take into consideration that round-tables should usually include speakers from at least three different countries and that the participants must be registered for the Congress. The organizers and the themes of round-tables are subject to the approval of the International Program Committee.

Proposals are also invited for thematic workshops and student sessions.

SESSIONS OF MEMBER SOCIETIES OF FISP

Member societies of FISP that wish to hold meetings during the Congress are kindly requested to apply to the Hellenic Organizing Committee no later than June 1, 2012. The number of sessions organized by each member society may be subject to limitations.
IMPORTANT DATES

October 1, 2012 is the deadline for the receipt of contributed papers and for proposals for round-tables, workshops and student sessions. Papers and proposals received after this deadline, but before February 1, 2013, may be accepted, if space is still available.

REGISTRATION, ACCOMMODATION AND BOOK EXHIBITION

Registration
- €200 for early registration prior to October 1, 2012.
- €225 for registration prior to February 1, 2013.
- €250 for registration after February 1, 2013.
- €100 for accompanying person.
- €50 for students.

Accommodation and Travel
To be announced later.

Book Exhibition
To be announced later.

Social Program
To be announced later.

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