



Fifth Balkan Symposium of Archaeometry 2016

Bridging Science and Heritage

September 25-29 2016, Sinaia, ROMANIA

First circular

General information

This is the first circular to announce the **Fifth Balkan Symposium of Archaeometry 2016 (BSA2016)** to take place between September 25-29, 2016, in the Carpathian resort of Sinaia, Romania. This will be the 5th edition of a tradition that began in 2008 in Ohrid (Macedonia) and continued in 2010 in Istanbul, in 2012 in Bucharest and in 2014 Nesebar (Bulgaria).

The title chosen for this year's event is:

"Bridging Science and Heritage"

The organizers of the symposium are "Horia Hulubei" National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH) Bucharest-Magurele and the University of Bucharest.

The Symposium will be focused on the application of modern physical and chemical methods in archaeometry, including nuclear methods and techniques used in dating, in the analysis, investigation and characterization of ancient artefacts, as well as their conservation and consolidation. Subjects from the related fields of archaeology and art history will be included.

The Symposium program will include invited lectures, oral and poster presentations on the following topics:

- **Analytical methods for cultural heritage diagnostics**
- **Lithic materials**
- **Archaeometallurgy**
- **Radiocarbon Dating**
- **GIS applications**
- **Preservation of cultural heritage – conservation and restoration;**
- **Optoelectronic applications**
- **Experimental archaeology**
- **Multidisciplinary research in archaeology**

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Special event

A special outreach session in a round table format is being planned for the **afternoon of Thursday, September 28**. The chosen subject for it is: **a common proposal to the Erasmus Mundus action for a Master of Science "Identification, provenance and characterization of archaeological samples using non-destructive portable techniques"**.

Officials of the host country involved in the research policy and in the management of research and higher education, politicians and media representatives will be invited to join the 5th BSA participants. On Wednesday, September 27th, we plan the symposium excursion(s) followed by the symposium's banquet.

Venue, attractions

The symposium will be held in **Sinaia**, a year-round mountain resort in the heart of the Carpathians, about 130 km north of Bucharest, approximately 1.5 hours drive from the main international airport of Romania. Sinaia is “the Pearl of the Carpathians”, a prime tourist attraction and in close proximity to many first class natural and historical attractions of Romania. Extra activities, from visiting the **Sinaia monastery** and the **Peles Castle** (with its indoor beautiful art collection or the open-air folklore exhibition and market) to dining and wining at restaurants with live Romanian and international music, mountain climbing, all are available within walking distance. Visits to old Transylvanian cities, like Brasov, Sibiu and Sighisoara, or to the Bran castle (“Dracula’s castle”) and Poiana Brasov are available by car, bus or train and can be arranged.

Accommodation

The venue of the symposium will be Hotel International**** (<http://www.international-sinaia.ro>), a four star complex, where most of the participants *will be accommodated in single and double rooms and in luxury flats at the following prices:*

Double room in single occupancy: 60 euro/day, about 270 lei (RON= Romanian currency),

Double room in double occupancy: 34 euro/ person/day, about 160 lei

Deluxe double room: 75 euro/day, about 340 lei

*There will also be a limited number of suites available [junior suite 83 euro/day, executive junior suite 90 euro/day and one bedroom suite 125 euro/day, respectively.] These prices are offered **only** if the participants are registered **via the organizers**.*

Breakfast is included in room’s price.

Lunches will be served at the same hotel and are included in the fee.

Dinners can be pre-arranged at the same hotel at about 16 euro each, or the participants can chose to manage by themselves with these meals at other restaurants that are available around, within walking distance.

A limited number of places in youth hostels just across the street or in the guest-house of UB will be available at lower rates. Please contact the organizers for advice on such arrangements.

Registration

Online registration is available at <http://patrimoniul.nipne.ro> and by email (see “Contact”). The deadlines for registration are:

- for participants from countries that need visa for Romania (see <http://www.mae.ro>): June 20th 2016;
- for participants from countries that do not need visa: July 18th 2016.

A fee of about **150 euro** (TBD later, cf. prices’ evolution) will be charged **covering the cost of lunches and coffee breaks and of the volume of the symposium** for each participant. The organizers will arrange for the transportation from and to the airport in Bucharest on the day of arrival and departure only (Sept 25th and 29th).

Stipends. As a rule, the participants should be supported by their home institution. However, a limited number of fellowships will be available for students and young researchers (consisting of full or partial local support – international transport not included!). The applicants should provide a short (one page) CV and a letter of recommendation from a professor or senior scientist who supports their application. Applications for fellowships can be made online with letters of support e-mailed to either of the directors; the **deadline is July 18th 2016**.

Abstracts/papers. The volume of the symposium will be published either in Romanian Reports in Physics, an ISI Journal with 1.2 Impact Factor, or with another specialized publishing house (to be decided). A booklet of abstracts will be made available at the beginning of the symposium. For that, we invite the participants who will give lectures and oral contributions to send the abstracts of their papers (less than 300 words) via email to patrimoniul@nipne.ro , before **July 18th 2016**.

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