



## **FIRST CIRCULAR LETTER FOR TRIENNIUM 2015–2018**

### **NEXT CONGRESS**

The Seventeenth International Congress of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies is being sponsored by the IANLS and the University of Castilla-La Mancha. The congress will take place from 29 July to 3 August 2018 in Albacete, Spain. It will start in Albacete with registration on Sunday evening (29 July) and will formally close with the conference dinner on Friday evening (3 August), with an optional excursion on the following day (4 August).

### **ALBACETE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CASTILLA-LA MANCHA**

The city of Albacete lies in southeastern Spain, 258 km South-East of Madrid and not far from the Mediterranean coast. This is the largest and most populated city of the autonomous community of Castilla-La Mancha, with approximately 200,000 inhabitants in its metropolitan area. It is also the judicial capital of this region and the seat of the High Court of Castilla-La Mancha.

The origin of the word ‘Albacete’ is Arabic (الْبَسِيطُ Al-Basit), which means ‘the plain’, because of its flat surroundings. The city, which was originally a village within the older city of Chinchilla (13 km from Albacete), became increasingly important from the Renaissance onwards. The Señorío of the town was given by Emperor Charles I to his wife Isabella of Portugal in 1526. The town of Alcaraz, belonging to the province of Albacete, contains an important Renaissance architectural complex and was the birthplace of Spanish humanists, such as the architect Andrés de Vandelvira and the scholar Pedro Simón Abril, who wrote Latin grammars and translated Cicero and Terence.

Currently Albacete is a commercial and industrial city, known also for its agriculture and livestock. In the aviation sector, Albacete Air Base hosts the multinational headquarters of the Tactical Leadership Programme of NATO, with military and civilian personnel from the 10 nations participating in the Programme. In addition, Albacete is a very important manufacturer of knives and currently exports worldwide.

The city has Modernist, Eclectic and Art Déco buildings downtown, and other monuments such as the Cathedral; the Posada del Rosario, a hotel built in the 16th century; the Centro Cultural La Asunción, a former Franciscan monastery founded around 1523; the Modernist Pasaje Lodaes; and the bullring in Neo-Mudéjar style. Several parks and gardens, among them the Parque Abelardo Sánchez with over 100 years of history, contribute to the elegance of the city. Among its cultural centres you will find the Archaeological Museum with an important collection of Iberian and Roman art, as well as a unique Cutlery Museum that preserves this craft heritage. One of the great attractions of the city and its region is its very rich and varied gastronomy, offering famous regional products, such as the Manchego cheese, the Manchego lamb, and the wine and oil of Castilla-La Mancha.

Albacete has excellent connections with Madrid by train and by road. The journey from Madrid takes about 1½ hour in the High Speed Train (around 20 trains a day with direct connections between both cities). There are also many fast train and bus connections with Valencia and Alicante, whose airports have flights to many European cities, particularly in the summer.

The University of Castilla-La Mancha was founded in 1982 and has around 30,000 students in its four campuses, which are located in Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca, and Toledo. Previously there were other universities in the region, which were closed in the 19th century: the Royal and Pontifical Santa Catalina University of Toledo, the San Antonio Portaceli University of Sigüenza, and the Royal and Pontifical University of Nuestra Señora del Rosario at Almagro, founded respectively in 1485, 1489, and 1550.

The campus of Albacete is a 15-minute walk from downtown. It has nearly 6,500 students and contains the Vice-Chancellery of Research; the faculties of Humanities, Law, Economics and Business, Medicine, Pharmacy, and other departments; the Institute for Regional Development; the Institute for Computer Science; and the Botanical Garden. The Faculty of Humanities comprises a recognized research group dedicated to the study of medical Latin, with a particular focus on the Latin terminology of Renaissance medicine and its influence on literature, especially on Neo-Latin poetry. In addition, the campus of Toledo promotes another strong line of investigation focused on the Latin writings of exiled Spanish humanists. Thus, the University of Castilla-La Mancha, continuing the tradition begun in the medieval School of Translators of Toledo, preserves and promotes the study and dissemination of Latin.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS AND POSTERS

The theme of the Congress will be “*Humanity and Nature: Arts and Sciences in Neo-Latin Literature (Homines et Natura: Artes et Scientiae in Litteris Neo-Latinis Traditae)*”. Papers on this theme (in Latin, English, French, German, Italian or Spanish) or on other aspects of Neo-Latin Studies are welcome. In terms of the latter, we especially welcome abstracts on methodological and pedagogical aspects of Neo-Latin, as well as proposals for posters on relevant projects and research clusters.

**All abstracts and proposals should be submitted as WORD e-mail attachments to Prof. Dr. María Teresa Santamaría Hernández (congreso.ianls.albacete@uclm.es) by 30 April 2017.** Abstracts sent after that date will not be accepted. Only papers dealing with Neo-Latin subjects will be considered. The Executive Committee is responsible for accepting or rejecting papers, sessions and posters, and will inform the proposers by 15 October 2017.

Abstracts for individual papers must be between 150 and 200 words in length. You will find the guidelines for abstracts at the end of this communication.

The Organizing Committee also welcomes proposals for special sessions, which can focus either on the special theme of the congress or on any subject relating to Neo-Latin studies (as above). Each session must have a clearly stated, overarching topic. Proposers are responsible for coordinating the abstracts pertaining to their sessions. Specific guidelines for proposals for special sessions may be found at the end of this circular. Members who want to organize special sessions can also circulate a call for papers (CfP) via the IANLS mailing list. If you want to make use of this opportunity, please note the following: 1. The CfP should be in one PDF-file, sent to the secretary ([raija.sarasti-wilenius@helsinki.fi](mailto:raija.sarasti-wilenius@helsinki.fi)). 2. It should contain an email address of the organizer of the special session to which answers can be sent (IANLS cannot forward any misdirected answers). 3. Special sessions organized this way will go through the same evaluation process as special sessions in general. 4. Please note that the CfP will be sent out in the form in which you submit it.

The Organizing Committee also invites proposals for posters about research projects or clusters. Posters offer information in visual form and will be on exhibit for most of the congress. At

a certain point in the programme, an hour will be left free of other activities so that the authors of posters can be present to answer questions onlookers may want to ask. The guidelines for proposals for posters may be found at the end of this circular.

Scholars are advised that the delivery time for each paper must not exceed 20 minutes. Furthermore, papers delivered at an international congress should be read slowly and clearly in order to be intelligible to an international audience. In practice, this means that papers should not exceed c. 2,000 words or 10,400 characters.

Scholars proposing papers or organizing and participating in special sessions **must be paid-up members of the IANLS** when they make their proposal, i.e. before 30 April 2017. Those interested in submitting papers or proposing sessions who are not IANLS members should contact the secretary (see also [www.ianls.com](http://www.ianls.com) > Membership > How to join the IANLS).

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## NEWSLETTER

The Executive Committee of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies has learnt with great sadness that Mrs Line IJsewijn-Jacobs, widow of Prof. Jozef IJsewijn, passed away at her home on 26 June 2016. Many of our members will remember Mrs IJsewijn's delightful presence at former IANLS congresses.

The IANLS congratulates Prof. em. Walther Ludwig on the conferral of an honorary doctorate at the University of Vienna, on Friday 8 January 2016. Prof. em. Franz Römer praised Prof. Ludwig's extraordinary contribution to the field of Neo-Latin Studies in the ceremony's formal *laudatio*.

<http://medienportal.univie.ac.at/uniview/uniblicke/detailansicht/artikel/ein-ehrendoktorat-fuer-walther-ludwig/>

Yasmin Haskell, Cassamarca Foundation Chair in Latin Humanism, University of Western Australia, has been appointed as Professor of Latin at the University of Bristol, UK. She was appointed as a neo-Latinist, which she takes to be a sign that neo-Latin studies are becoming more "mainstream" in the Anglophone Classics world.

CAMENA Neo-Latin XML files are now available as a Github.

CAMENA (*Corpus Automatatum Multiplex Electorum Neolatininitatis Auctorum*) was a DFG-funded research project (1999–2013) carried out at the German Department of Heidelberg University Chair of German Literature (Modern Period), in cooperation with the Information Technology Centre and the Library of the University of Mannheim, and led by Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Kühlmann. It was one of the most important Neo-Latin digital initiatives. Since the machine-readable texts produced by CAMENA were made available under the Creative Commons Attribution / Share Alike license, they have been republished as a Github repository. Github is a web-based hosting service which enables sharing digital material whose versions (changes) are carefully noted. The address of the repository is: <https://github.com/nevenjovanovic/camena-neolatinlit>

Guidelines for abstracts:

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Deadline for all submissions: 30 April 2017 by e-mail or post to Chair of Organizing Committee:

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Submissions should contain the following information:

INDIVIDUAL PAPERS

1) title of paper (max. 18 words)

2) abstract

Language of abstract: same as that of paper to be given at congress

Length of abstract: min. 150 words, max. 200 words

3) speaker's name, institutional affiliation (if any), address, e-mail and phone

Please underline the name which should appear first in the alphabetical list of congress participants.

SPECIAL SESSIONS (comprising no more than 3 papers. Roundtables are also admitted but only within the same time slot, 1,5 hours including the discussion)

1) title of session (max. 18 words)

2) brief description of the concept of the session (50-100 words)

3) name, institutional affiliation (if any), address, e-mail and phone of organizer(s) of session

4) title of paper 1, abstract (min. 150-max. 200 words), speaker's name, and full details as above

5) title of paper 2, abstract (min. 150-max. 200 words), speaker's name, and full details as above

6) title of paper 3, abstract (min. 150-max. 200 words), speaker's name, and full details as above

The proposal (including the individual abstracts) should be submitted by the session organizer(s) in a single WORD document. Please underline the names which should appear first in the alphabetical list of congress participants.

POSTERS

1) title of poster (max. 18 words)

2) description

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Length of poster proposal: min. 50 words, max. 100 words

3) presenter's name, institutional affiliation (if any), address, e-mail and phone

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