

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT (Jan. 15, 2008)

THE 17th INTERNATIONAL BRONZE CONGRESS

ATHENS, GREECE, MAY 24-28, 2009

The 17th International Bronze Congress will be held in Athens from May 24 to 28, 2009. "Bronzes: New Finds, New Approaches" will be sponsored by the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, the Center for the Ancient Mediterranean of Columbia University, and the University of Athens.

Schedule: The Congress will consist of an introductory evening on May 24 followed by four days of papers ending on May 28. From May 29 to June 1, there will be a three-day optional trip to Delphi, Olympia, and other sites associated with the production and display of ancient bronzes.

Call for papers and preliminary registration: The call for papers and preliminary registration information will be issued in April 2008. Abstracts must be received by September 2008. Presentations are expected to cover a broad range of topics in the fields of archaeology, ancient technology, history of art, and conservation, within the broad theme of "New Finds, New Approaches." All participants must adhere to the 1973 UNESCO agreement.

Conference language: Because we expect participants to come from 20 or more countries, the conference language will be English.

Publication: The abstracts will be published on the web soon after the Congress, followed by a print publication of the papers.

Organizing Committee: The organizing committee currently consists of the following members (a.o. January 1, 2007):

Beryl Barr-Sharrar, Organizing Committee, 13th International Bronze Congress (Cambridge, 1996);
New York University

Alessandra Giumlia-Mair, Chair of the 15th International Bronze Congress (Udine and Aquileia, 2001), AGM Archeoanalisi, Merano, Italy

Carol Mattusch, co-chair of the 13th International Bronze Congress (Cambridge, 1996), George Mason University

John Pollini, University of Southern California

Mary Sturgeon, Chair, Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Rhys Townsend, Clark University

Catherine deG. Vanderpool, President of the Board, Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies; Chair, Council of American Overseas Research Centers.

Website. The organizers will announce this spring the launch of a Bronze Congress - Athens website that will provide updates and further information.