



Fifth Balkan Symposium of Archaeometry 2016

Bridging Science and Heritage

September 25-29, 2016, Sinaia, ROMANIA

Second circular (Call for papers)

General information

This is the second circular (call for papers) to announce the **Fifth Balkan Symposium of Archaeometry 2016 (5th 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 the Horia Hulubei National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH) Bucharest-Măgurele, the University of Bucharest, and the Vasile Pârvan Institute of Archaeology of the Romanian Academy (for the organizing committees see: <http://www.nipne.ro/events/conferences/bsa5/committee.html>).

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 artifacts, as well as their conservation and/or restoration. Subjects from the related fields of archaeology and art history will be included.

The symposium program will include **invited lectures (40 minutes), oral presentations (20 minutes) and posters** 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 in archaeology

Special events

On Tuesday, September 27, we plan the symposium excursion.

A special outreach session in a **round table** format will take place **on Thursday morning, September 29**. The chosen subject for it is: **Multidisciplinary in archaeology: Situating archaeometry in education and research**.

Officials of the host country involved in research policy and management of research and higher education, politicians and media representatives will be invited to join the 5th BSA participants.

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 in close to many first class natural and historical attractions of Romania. Extra activities, from visiting the **Sinaia Monastery** and the **Peleş Castle** (with its indoor beautiful art collections or 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 Braşov, Sibiu and Sighişoara, or to the **Bran Castle** ("Dracula's Castle") and Poiana Braşov 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)

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 will be available at lower rates for students. Please contact the organizers for advice on such arrangements.

Registration

Online registration is available at

<http://www.nipne.ro/events/conferences/bsa5/registration.html>.

Deadline for registration: **September 5, 2016.**

Participants from countries that need visa for Romania (see <http://www.mae.ro>) should pay attention to the time needed to acquire it.

A fee of **100 Euro** will be charged cash, **on arrival** (for other arrangements, contact the organizers). The fee covers the cost of the **abstract booklet and volume of the symposium, lunches, welcome and official dinner** for each participant.

There is also an **one-day fee of 25 Euros**, for those who cannot stay for more than one session.

The excursion will be charged separately.

The organizers can assist with the **transportation from and to the airport in Bucharest, on September 25 and 29, respectively**, free of charge.

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 early career scholars, consisting of full (accommodation and fee) or partial (accommodation) local support. International transport is 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 chairs; the **deadline is August 15, 2016.**

Abstracts/papers. The organizers intend to publish a volume of proceedings with a **reputable publishing house**. At the beginning of the symposium a booklet of abstracts will be made available. For that, we invite the participants, irrespective of giving oral contributions or posters, to upload the abstract of their papers (max. 300 words, in English) on the registration webpage, **before September 5, 2016**. Although we recommend the use of the online registration form, abstracts can also be sent via email to patrimoni@nipne.ro.

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