



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM:
“Inscriptions: Their Contribution to Byzantine and
Post-Byzantine History and History of Art”

June 26-27 2015

Conference Centre "Karolos Papoulias" University of Ioannina

PROGRAMME OF THE SYMPOSIUM

Friday, 26-06-2015

9.00-09.30: GREETINGS

- 09.30-09.40: ANDREAS RHOBY (Vienna),
Byzantine Epigraphy: A long way from the 19th to the 21st century.

Session 1st

Donors, Benefactors and Painters

(Chair: Sophia Kalopissi-Verti / Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt)

- 09.40-10.00: IDA TOTH (Oxford),
Epigraphic traditions in seventh-century Byzantium.
- 10.00-10.20: CHRISTOS STAVRAKOS (Ioannina),
The profile of the donors in Epirus in Byzantine and
post-Byzantine period.
- 10.20-10.40: NEKTARIOS ZARRAS (Athens/Münster),
Identity and patronage in Byzantium:
Dedicatory inscriptions and donor portraits of Naxos.
- 10.40-11.00: IOANNIS CHOULIARAS (Igoumenitsa) – EUGENIA DRAKOPOULOU (Athens),
Painters' cultural and professional status as revealed by the monumental
inscriptions of Epirus (16th-17th c.)
- 11.00-11.20: Discussion

11.20-11.50: Coffee break

Session 2nd

Society and Economy

(Chair: Claudia Ludwig / Andreas Gkoutzioukostas)

- 11.50-12.10: SALVATORE COSENTINO (Bologna),
Boundary signs and space organization in early Byzantine epigraphy.
- 12.10-12.25: STEPHANOS KORDOSES (Ioannina),
Some historical remarks on a mural painting in Arta (Greece), depicting
a Khazar selling caviar.
- 12.25-12.35: Discussion

Session 3rd

Inscriptions in combination with written and other sources

(Chair: Salvatore Cosentino / Dimtrios Liakos)

- 12.35-12.55: ANGELIKI KATSIOTI (Rhodes) - GEORGES KIOURTZIAN (Paris),
Epigraphia Carpathica.
- 12.55-13.10: CHRISTOS TSATSOULIS (Ioannina),
The use of the adjectives *θεόσωστος* and *θεοφύλακτος* in the Byzantine
epigraphic and sigillographic tradition.
- 13.10-13.25: KATERINA KONTOPANAGOU (Ioannina),
Some remarks on the *ἀπάρτισις* in donor inscriptions.
- 13.25-13.40: Discussion

Session 4th

Epigraphy and Prosopography

(Chair: Angeliki Katsioti / Maria Xenaki)

- 13.40-14.00: CLAUDIA LUDWIG (Berlin),
Epirus in the middle Byzantine period: A prosopographical approach.
- 14.00-14.20: LIDIA COTOVANU (Paris),
L'épigraphie comme lieu privé d'identification personnelle. Le cas des
migrants balkaniques installés en Valachie et en Moldavie (XVI^e – début
du XVIII^e siècle).

14.20-14.30: Discussion

14.30: Light Lunch

Session 5th

Inscriptions on monuments, artifacts and other works of art

(Chair: Andreas Rhoby / Christos Stavrakos)

- 16.00-16.20: ANNE McCABE (Oxford),
Byzantine obituary inscriptions on the Hephaisteion
(Church of St. George) in the Athenian Agora.
- 16.20- 16.40: MARIA XENAKI (Athens),
Les inscriptions byzantines datées du Parthénon (VIIe – XIIe siècles).
- 16.40-17.00: SOPHIA KALOPISSI-VERTI (Athens),
Reconsidering a Byzantine inscription from Aigina.
- 17.00-17.20: DIMITRIOS LIAKOS (Thessalonica),
Unpublished Byzantine and post-Byzantine inscriptions on Mt. Athos.
- 17.20-17.40: NIKOLAOS MASTROCHRISTOS (Rhodes),
*Ἱουστινιανοῦ ἀντωκράτ[ορος, Θεοδ]ωσίου ἐπισκόπου... Contribution to
the study of early Christian dedicatory inscriptions of Rhodes, Greece.*
- 17.40-18.00: Discussion

Session 6th

Inscriptions on monuments, artifacts and other works of art

(Chair: Ida Toth / Michael Grünbart)

- 18.00-18.20: ALEXANDRA-KYRIAKI WASSILIOU-SEIBT (Vienna),
The overstruck seal with the metrical inscriptions of Leon Sgouros and
Ioannes Branas. The historical background.
- 18.20-18.40: ANDREAS RHOBY (Vienna),
“Tower, stablished by God, God is protecting you”: Inscriptions on
Byzantine fortifications – Their function and their display.

- 18.40-19.00: ANDREAS GKOUTZIOUKOSTAS (Thessalonica),
Puzzling inscriptions from the Basilica of Saint Demetrios in Thessalonica:
New remarks and a reconsideration of recent interpretations.
- 19.00-19.20: GEORGIOS PALLIS (Athens),
The “speaking” decoration. Inscriptions on architectural sculptures of the
middle Byzantine church.
- 19.20-19.40: Discussion
- 19.40-20.00: Coffee break**

Session 7th

Inscriptions on monuments, artifacts and other works of art

(Chair: Anne McCabe / Ioannis Chouliaras)

- 20.00-20.20: MICHAEL GRÜNBART (Münster),
Multiplying inscriptions: The cultural context of Byzantine metal stamps.
- 20.20-20.35: FANIE LYTARI (Ioannina),
Réévaluation des inscriptions dédicatoires dans certaines églises du
XVII^{ème} siècle dans la région de Kalambaka.
- 20.35-20.45: ELIAS PINAKOULIAS (Ioannina),
Presentation of the project: “The history supports the research and
economic growth in under-developed regions: the donor and dedicatory
inscriptions in the christian monuments of Epirus (4th–18th c.)” (Excellence
II/APISTEIA II).
- 20.45-21.15: Discussion / Concluding remarks

21.30: Dinner

Saturday 27-06-2015

- 09.30: Excursion to the Gorge of Vikos (region of Zagori) and visit to the
church of St. Paraskevi at Monodendri.
- 13.00: Lunch in Elati (village of Zagori).

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