



On behalf of the Organising Committee, we are pleased to invite you to the 31st International Congress of Papyrology. The event is being organised by the *Institut für Altertumskunde* at the University of Cologne under the aegis of the *Association Internationale de Papyrologues* and will take place from July 28 to August 2, 2025.

Information related to the procedures for participant registration and submission of abstracts, as well as accommodation possibilities, the programme, and various events, will be made available on the Congress website at <https://papyrocongress2025.uni-koeln.de/> and in the second and third circular letters.

All correspondence on issues regarding the Congress should be addressed to: contact-papyrocongress2025@uni-koeln.de

Venue and Accommodation

The Congress will be held between **Monday 28th July** and **Saturday 2nd August 2025** at the University of Cologne (Albertus-Magnus-Platz, D-50923, Cologne, see also <https://portal.uni-koeln.de/en/university/directions-maps-contact>). Venues for on-site participant registration, the opening ceremony, the sessions, and the general assembly will be described in a later circular, along with suggestions for hotels.

Congress structure

On-site registration will start on the afternoon of Sunday 27th July, and the formal opening of the Congress will be held on Monday 28th July. On Saturday 2nd August the General Assembly of the AIP will take place.

The thematic sessions will take place from Monday to Friday (Wednesday afternoon will be free). **Friday afternoon** will be reserved for a plenary session.

With the exclusion of the plenary, all sessions will be divided into thematic sessions and panels. The presentation of posters is encouraged (see below). Papers and posters may be presented in one of the following languages: English, French, German, or Italian. Only one paper or poster may be presented per person, including shared talks (with the exception of speakers who will hold a short presentation on a session specifically aimed at introducing new projects or updating the community on running ones, as outlined below).

The Scientific and Organising Committees reserve the right to decline papers or to invite the proponents to convert them to posters where time and capacity constraints require it.

Participants will be required to submit abstracts of their papers and poster presentations on the congress website starting from June 15, 2024, until the deadline of October 31, 2024. Further details will be provided on the Congress website in due time.



Thematic sessions

These will include individually submitted papers of no more than 20 minutes, followed by a 5-minute discussion, grouped according to thematic area, which will be posted on the Congress website.

A special category of presentations lasting only 10 minutes will be introduced. These short presentations are specifically reserved for speakers who wish to make new projects known to the papyrological community or, alternatively, to deliver concise updates on running ones (presentation of this type do not exclude the speaker from presenting a paper in a thematic session / panel or a poster).

Panels

Panels will be organised in advance in relation to specific topics. Participants intending to organise such panels are invited to submit a panel project with topic and planned speakers. The duration of each paper within a panel is also expected to be 20 minutes to allow time for discussion. Panels should be no shorter than two hours (4 papers) and no longer than four (8 papers).

Posters

Posters will be exhibited throughout the Congress. We are pleased to announce that an award for the three best rated posters is going to be introduced: all the Congress participants will receive at registration a voting slip with which they can choose their preferred poster(s). The votes can be cast from Monday through Thursday and the winners will be announced during the plenary session on Friday. The following prizes will be awarded: 500 Euros for 1st place, 300 Euros for 2nd, 200 Euros for 3rd. Technical information about the expected poster format will be provided later.

Social events

Suggestions for exhibitions and events will be provided by the Organising Committee at a later point in time. A Gala Dinner is planned for the evening of **Friday 1st August**.

Registration

Details concerning the procedures for the Congress registration will be provided on the Congress website in due time. The registration will start on October 31, 2024, and will close on May 31, 2025. The deadline for “early bird” fees will be December 31, 2024.

The Organising Committee is looking into the possibility of providing childcare for parents travelling to the Congress with their children. To verify whether this is viable, we kindly ask interested participants to contact us via the email address above, giving information on the number of children who would be hosted in the University’s childcare facilities and their age.

The registration prices will be as following:



1. Non-students

1.1. AIP or ASP-AIP member

early bird fee (October 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024):	230 €
regular fee (January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025):	280 €

1.2. non-AIP or non-ASP-AIP member

early bird fee (October 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024):	270 €
regular fee (January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025):	320 €

2. Students

2.1. AIP or ASP-AIP member

early bird fee (October 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024):	120 €
regular fee (January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025):	140 €

2.2. non-AIP or non-ASP-AIP member

early bird fee (October 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024):	140 €
regular fee (January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025):	160 €

3. Accompanying person

early bird fee (October 31, 2024 – December 31, 2024):	120 €
regular fee (January 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025):	140 €

4. Exhibitors

140€

5. On-site registration

non-students	350 €
students	190 €

Through generous funding provided by the AIP, an expense subsidy for students travelling from Egypt can be provided. Further details on how to apply for these funds will be posted on the Congress website and appear in a later circular.

Important dates

June 15, 2024:	Submission of abstracts begins
October 31, 2024:	Deadline for abstract submission
October 31, 2024:	Registration and payment of Congress fees begins
December 31, 2024:	Deadline for early bird fees
May 31, 2025:	Deadline for registration

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