First circular

Linking Pots: Manufacturing and selling Roman pottery in the Eastern Mediterranean

Athens, Greece, 25th - 30th September 2022

The Rei Cretariae Romanae Fautores is an international learned society specialising in the field of Roman pottery. Its main aim is to establish contact between scholars of different countries and the field of interest is interpreted in its widest sense. The Society was founded in 1957 by the late Professor Howard Comfort of Haverford College, Pennsylvania, and now has over two hundred and fifty individual members in some twenty-five different countries. Congresses are held every two years, in different countries and at the invitation of members who offer to host them.

The 32nd Congress of the Rei Cretariae Romanae Fautores, will be held in Athens, Greece, from September 25th to 30th 2022. Depending on the number of proposals, the Congress sessions could be extended one more day.
The Congress will be organized by the Department of Archaeology and the History of Art of the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens and the Ephorate of Antiquities of Cyclades (Ministry of Culture and Sports), in collaboration with various Greek and foreign institutions.

In this Congress, we would like to focus on the production and distribution of Roman and Late Roman pottery in the Eastern Mediterranean and the cultural links created by this exchange.

Arrivals are expected on Sunday (September 25th) with a welcoming session in the late afternoon. The congress sessions will take place in the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens. A one-day tour to the Roman/Late Roman antiquities of Athens is planned. Hands on pottery displays and exhibitions of Roman/Late Roman pottery from Athens and the Cyclades will also be arranged in the Museum of Archaeology and Art History of the NKUA. In the post-Congress tour (optional) we will visit Corinth and Delphi (1st - 2nd October); in the latter, we will visit monuments of the Roman and Late Roman period not accessible to the public.

The length of lectures is restricted to 15 minutes. As the number of lectures is limited, we ask you to prepare a poster instead of lecture whenever possible. There will be sufficient space and time for posters in A1 format (841 X 594 mm – portrait format). Posters must be printed by participants. Each participant should give no more than one lecture or poster. We ask you to offer papers in conformity with the theme of the congress, although papers on other topics will also be accepted. Participants are kindly encouraged to use PowerPoint presentations. The Congress languages will be English, Italian, French, German, Spanish and Greek. The participants are kindly recommended to prepare the texts of their PowerPoint presentations in English independently of the language of the oral presentation.

Participation is open to every scholar, not only to members of the RCRF (max. 180 participants, with priority given to Fautores, in order of application). Scholars willing to participate are kindly requested to complete the Registration Form on the following congress web-site before March 15, 2022:

www.rcrf32athens2022.gr
Financial support in the form of a small number of grants will be available from the RCRF Trust in order to help those who would otherwise be prevented by financial hardship from attending the congress. Grants could cover congress fee, accommodation or travel costs.

The Congress fee is expected to be 240 Euros and includes: access to opening ceremony and welcome reception, transport and access to museums and archaeological sites that will be visited during the Congress, access to closing ceremony, access to all scientific sessions and poster displays, access to exhibition and pottery displays, congress kit, coffee breaks, lunch once a day, excursions. The fee does not include: Travel expenses, accommodation, post-congress tour, receipt of the published Acta.

A second circular with further details about the Abstracts, the fee payment and accommodation will be forwarded in April 2022 only to those who are registered.

Please copy this circular and pass it on to any interested colleagues and students or display it.

**Key Dates:**
Start Date: 25\textsuperscript{th} September 2022  
End Date: 30\textsuperscript{th} September 2022 (depending on the number of the oral communications proposals)  
Post Congress Tours Date: 1\textsuperscript{st} - 2\textsuperscript{nd} October 2022  
Provisional registration Deadline: 15\textsuperscript{th} March 2022  
Second circular: April 2022  
Abstract Submission Deadline: 15\textsuperscript{th} June 2022  
Manuscript Submission Deadline (for publication): 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2022