

## CENTRAL EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Central European University (Budapest)

Date: May 28-31, 2003.

Place: Central European University,  
Budapest.

Deadline for submission: December  
1, 2002.

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las to submit your proposals:  
[www.mediterraneanstudies.org/ms/2003\\_conference.html](http://www.mediterraneanstudies.org/ms/2003_conference.html).

The Mediterranean Studies Association's 6<sup>th</sup> annual International Congress, *Central Europe and the Mediterranean* will be held on May 28-31, 2003 at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. 2003 will commemorate the 550<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of Constantinople, marking the end of Byzantium and the beginning of Stambul. Sessions devoted to this anniversary are especially welcome. As is the case each year, papers and sessions on all subjects relating to the Mediterranean region and Mediterranean cultures around the world and from all periods are encouraged.

Following a day of optional excursions, the congress will open with a plenary session and reception on the evening of May 28. Over the course of the next days over 150 scholarly papers will be delivered before an international audience of about 250 scholars, academics and experts in a wide range of fields. Held in the center of Budapest at the Central European University, the official language of the congress is English. In addition, complete sessions in any Mediterranean language are welcome. A number of special events are planned for congress participants that will highlight the unique cultural aspects of Budapest.

The congress is sponsored by the Mediterranean Studies Association, the Central European University, the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Arizona State University and the University of Kansas. Selected and revised papers will be considered for publication in the Association's journal, *Mediterranean Studies*.

The Mediterranean Studies Association is an interdisciplinary organization that promotes the scholarly study of Mediterranean cultures in all aspects and disciplines. It is particularly concerned with the ideas and ideals of Western Mediterranean cultures from Late Antiquity to the Enlightenment and their influence beyond these geographical and temporal boundaries.

Proposals for papers and sessions are now being solicited. Papers and proposals for sessions are encouraged which focus on the conference theme, but any paper or session proposal with a Mediterranean theme, from any period and any discipline, will be considered. Proposals for roundtable discussions of a topical work or theme are also welcome. The typical panel will include three papers, each lasting twenty minutes, a chair, and (optionally) a commentator. For examples of paper and session topics, and the range of subjects, see the programs from Lisbon (1998), Coimbra (1999), Salvador (2000), Aix-en-Provence (2001) and Granada (2002).

Proposals should include a 200-word abstract for each paper and a one-page curriculum vitae of each participant, including chairs and commentators. Each participant's name, e-mail and regular address, and phone number should also be listed. Proposals are now being solicited for the first round of consideration. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2002, though proposals will be considered after that date.

The Mediterranean Studies Association has no funding available for travel support; participants will need to apply to their own institutions for support.