

EMC Announcement

The 19th European Maya Conference in 2014 is organized and hosted by Comenius University in Bratislava and the Slovak Archaeological and Historical Institute (SAHI). It will be held from 17th to the 22nd of November. A three-and-a-half-day Workshop (17th-20th of Nov.) will precede a two-day Symposium (17th-22nd of Nov.). All parts of the program will take place in Bratislava, in buildings of Comenius University and the Faculty of Arts at adjacent addresses, including: Šafárikovo námestie 1, Gondova 2 and Štúrova 9.

Symposium

MAYA COSMOLOGY: TERRESTRIAL AND CELESTIAL LANDSCAPES

The main topic of the EMC focuses on Maya cosmology in the wider sense: Maya perception of space and of the cosmos and their reflections in archaeological and epigraphic sources as well as in colonial and contemporary ethnographical documents. Astronomically oriented objects and structures used for astronomical observations will also be given attention. Another key point involves models of Maya urbanism and their connection with the architectonic configuration of space and the symbolic parallels between Maya macrocosms and microcosms as well as vertical and horizontal arrangements of space, including the underworld of caves, terrestrial and celestial realms of universe and mediatory elements, such as trees, mountains and artificial structures. The main topic includes the conceptualization of space by its mythological, ritual and eschatological aspects. Newest information, critical reinterpretations of older theories based on new research and innovative methodological approaches will be given preference.

Spanish abstract:

COSMOLOGÍA MAYA: PAISAJE TERRESTRE Y PAISAJE CELESTIAL

El simposio se enfocará en el tema de la cosmología maya en un sentido muy amplio: la percepción maya del espacio, la visión del cosmos y su reflejo tanto en las fuentes arqueológicas y epigráficas como en los documentos etnográficos coloniales y contemporáneos. También se prestará atención a los objetos orientados astronómicamente y estructuras utilizadas para las observaciones astronómicas. Un otro punto de enfoque son los modelos del urbanismo maya relacionados con la configuración arquitectónica de espacios, con la revisión del paralelismo simbólico entre el microcosmos y el macrocosmos maya o entre la distribución vertical y horizontal de espacios incluyendo el inframundo, las cuevas, los niveles terrestres y celestiales del universo junto con los elementos mediadores como los árboles, montañas y estructuras artificiales. El tema principal incluirá los aspectos mitológicos, calendáricos, rituales y escatológicos de la conceptualización del espacio. Se dará preferencia a la información más novedosa, a las reinterpretaciones críticas de las teorías más antiguas basadas en las investigaciones recientes y a los procedimientos metodológicos innovadores.

Invited keynote speakers include: James Brady, Nikolai Grube, Frauke Sachse, Ivan Šprajc.

Call for papers and posters

The Wayeb Conference Board invites the submission of abstracts concerning the conference topic. Papers will be selected from all sub-disciplines of Mesoamerican studies to cover the conference topic in all dimensions and from various perspectives.

In addition to papers for presentation at the symposium, the organisers also provide the resources for a limited number of poster presentations. Papers and posters are selected separately. Participants can only submit one abstract in total and have to indicate whether they wish to present it as a paper or poster. Rejected papers cannot be accepted for poster presentations, or vice versa!

Presentations will be accepted in English and Spanish. Abstracts may not exceed 250 words. Contributions of authors who submit more than one abstract (including co-authored papers) will not be considered. Co-authorship needs to be indicated upon submission. It will not be possible to add co-authors on a presentation unless these have been explicitly included in the submitted abstract and approved as such.

Please submit in electronic format (Word attachment) in the following order:

1. Category: paper or poster (please specify clearly!)
2. Author's name and affiliation
3. Address, phone number and email address
4. Title of paper/poster
5. Abstract

The abstracts will be forwarded without the author's particulars to an anonymous Review Committee that will be selected by the Wayeb Conference Board.

Please submit your application to callforpapers@wayeb.org

(Only abstracts sent to this address will be accepted. Please do not send your abstract to the organisers or the Conference Board! If you send your abstract to another email address than the above your abstract will be immediately disqualified from further consideration.)

The call for papers/posters will close on **31 May 2014!** All abstracts have to be sent in and confirmation of receipt received prior to this date.

For more information, please contact the ConferenceBoard@wayeb.org or the local organiser Dr. Milan Kovač of the Comenius University in Bratislava at emc2014@wayeb.org