

15th Symposium of the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society
Piliscsaba–Budapest (Hungary)
14 (Friday) to 18 (Tuesday) July 2006

TEXTS TO READ AND TEXTS TO PREACH:
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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- 1 The English Department of Pázmány Péter Catholic University, headed by Prof. **Katalin Halácsy**
- 2 The Department of Medieval Studies of the Central European University / headed by Prof. **Gábor Klaniczay**
- 3 The Research Group “Fragmenta Codicum” of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences / coordinator: **Edit Madas**, leader of the research group and consultant to the Academy
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Posters

The Poster Exhibition is now a well-established tradition at the IMSSS Symposia. This is open to everyone, experienced scholars as well as younger researchers, who would like to present an aspect of their work-in-progress in a condensed form (on issues related to the conference topic). The posters will be displayed in a specific area on Friday afternoon (14 July); a period will be allotted on Monday afternoon (17 July) for the presentation of the posters by the authors, who will thus have the opportunity to discuss the content with other participants.

Poster proposals (with a title and a short summary of about 50 words) should be sent to the organisers of the Symposium in writing, by filling in the relevant section of the Registration Form. Here are some practical recommendations concerning the lay-out of the posters:

- *Size*: the Poster is a rectangle made up of at least 8 sheets of writing paper (A4 or American standard), or 4 sheets of A3 paper, which will be attached to display boards. The rectangular shape is important; the sheets should *not* be placed side by side in a long line.
- *Design*: the key-word is ‘eye-catching’, like an advertisement. A Poster is a collage, not an article, so it should not be composed of continuous text. Rather, use should be made of headlines, colours, felt markers, illustrations, photographs (e.g., pictures of manuscripts), tables, and (in case of a partly printed text) large and varied typefaces. There are no limits to your imagination or to your artistic talent!
- *Content*: the Poster should elaborate on a single idea, a project, a research issue, a problem of methodology, a key question, a preacher or a medieval text, etc. The whole purpose is to encourage discussion between the author and the public.
- Remember to put your name and institutional address in one corner of the Poster.

Venues of the Symposium

- “PÁZMÁNEUM” = CAMPUS OF THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES OF PÁZMÁNY PÉTER CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Address: H-2087 Piliscsaba
Egyetem út 1.

- Tuesday 18 July, morning: CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

Address: H-1051 Budapest
Nádor u. 7.

How to get there :

If you take the plane to Budapest (International Airport: Ferihegy 1, 2A or 2B, www.malev.hu), please indicate the exact time of your arrival on the *fiche de confirmation*. In the arrival lounge, look for boards with the inscription “IMSSS”. Direct coaches will take you from the airport(s) to the site of the Symposium in Piliscsaba.

“Pázmáneum” – 32 km (20 miles) from Budapest – is easily accessible by train from Nyugati pályaudvar (Western Railway Station, Budapest, on the line of Metro 3). Trains depart every hour (timetable will be provided) in the direction of Esztergom, usually from track 1. Get off at “Pázmáneum”, the station immediately after a long tunnel passage. The journey lasts ca. 50 minutes.

You can also take the coach from the Bus Station at Árpád híd, Budapest (Árpád bridge on the line of Metro 3), in the direction of Esztergom from stop 6. Get off at “Pázmáneum” (journey time: ca. 50 minutes). Coaches to Esztergom depart every h20 and h50. Trains are more comfortable and reliable.

On 18 July, direct buses will take the participants from “Pázmáneum” to the other venue of the Symposium, the Central European University, Budapest.

Accommodation

“Pázmáneum” has 78 double rooms (with two separate beds), available for one or two persons, and 13 apartments.

The Symposium organisers highly recommend that all participants stay at “Pázmáneum”, not only because it offers good accommodation at a most economic rate (see prices below), but also because the accommodation on site will make it easier for everyone to join in all activities. Anyone who wishes to stay at “Pázmáneum” for a longer period, before or after the Symposium, is welcome to do so; please indicate the dates of your stay on the Registration Form.

Naturally, you can also choose a hotel in Budapest. In this case, however, make sure that you book the room in advance. For this, you may consult the website containing useful information on hotels: www.budapesthotelreservation.hu

Registration and Arrival

We would like to ask for your kind help in returning the Registration Form as soon as possible, at the latest by 20 April 2006. Any further inquiries may be addressed to one of the members of the Organising Committee listed above.

The final programme, together with other pieces of practical information as well as the text for the workshop (directed by Stephan BORGEHAMMAR) will be sent to participants at the end of May.

It is also recommended that you consult the IMSSS website, at <http://www.sermon-studies.de>. Information about the Symposium will regularly be updated.

Reception of participants at the Symposium:

- Participants, arriving by plane, will be greeted by a welcoming committee at Ferihegy airport(s), Budapest.
- Our reception “desk” will be set up on Thursday, 14 July at 2 pm in “Stephaneum”, the main hall of “Pázmáneum”.

Registration Fee and Cost of Accommodation

The Registration Fee for all participants (with the exception of the speakers of the Symposium) is 50 euros per person.

The costs of accommodation and meals have to be paid by all. The banquet on Sunday evening and the excursion to Esztergom will be provided at no charge to all participants.

Full board (bed, breakfast, lunch, dinner) at “Pázmáneum” will cost:

31 euros per person per day (single room);

27 euros per person per day (double room).

= a single room = 15 euros.

= or a double room = 11 euros.

+ Three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) = 16 euros per person.

This means that for the four nights of the Symposium the total cost per person (taking into account the free banquet on Sunday evening) amounts to

90 euros for a double room, or 105 euros for a single room.
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Those who make their own hotel arrangements and at the same time wish to have meals at “Pázmáneum”, should count 7 euros for lunch, and 6 euros for dinner.

Bursary Funds available

IMSSS has modest funding available for those in need of financial assistance in order to attend the Budapest Symposium, 14-18 July, 2006. Although the final decision on the division of the IMSSS funds will be made after the applications are received, we anticipate giving three bursaries of at least € 100 each. The Society wants to help post-graduate students, scholars without full-time employment, and others in need to attend the Symposium. Priority will be given to those making presentations during the Symposium without other funding and to those from geographical regions sparsely represented among Society Members.

To apply for funding, please write a letter, no more than two pages in length, indicating your financial need and outlining the ways in which your work relates to sermon studies in general and to the Symposium topic in particular. If you are not already scheduled to give a paper, please indicate if you would be willing to present a poster of your work. Please send your application to Martine De Reu, Treasurer, Visserij 161A, B-9000 Gent, BELGIUM, or to Ronald J. Stansbury, Secretary, Department of History, Roberts Wesleyan College, 2301 Westside Dr., Rochester, NY 14624, USA. Applications must be postmarked by February 1, 2006. Applications will be assessed by the Councillors of the Society. Notification of awards will be made by March 15, 2006.

Visits

The extramural program of the Symposium is an excursion to Esztergom, ancient seat of the Hungarian kings, on 16 July, Sunday. There will be guided tours to the Cathedral, the ruins of the medieval castle, the Museum of Christian Art, and to the manuscript exhibition of the Cathedral Library.

An optional sightseeing tour in Budapest will be offered to those who wish to stay for the afternoon of 18 July (Tuesday). Please, indicate at registration if you want to join.
