FIRST CALL FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WITH PAPERS

Twelfth European Conference of Egyptologists

Egypt 2027: Perspectives of Research (XII ECE)

"Word and Image in Ancient Egypt: Tradition and Innovation"

Sofia, Bulgaria · 22nd – 24th September 2027

All scholars with an interest in Egyptology are cordially invited to participate in the Twelfth European Conference of Egyptologists, **Egypt 2027: Perspectives of Research** (XII ECE), on the theme *"Word and Image in Ancient Egypt: Tradition and Innovation"*.

The conference is organized by the **Bulgarian Institute of Egyptology at New Bulgarian University** and **The Institute of Mediterranean and Oriental Cultures of the Polish Academy of Sciences** and will bring together leading scholars from Europe and the international research community to discuss current research, methodologies, and perspectives in the field of Egyptology. It will take place in **Sofia, Bulgaria**, from the **22nd to 24th September 2027**.

SOME WORDS ON THE HISTORY OF THE ECE CONFERENCES

The first three symposia of what was then the "Central European Conference of Young Egyptologists" were held in Warsaw in 1999, 2001 and 2004. They were initiated by Andrzej Ćwiek, Joanna Kociankowska and Joanna Popielska-Grzybowska. The conference was then organised in Budapest in 2006 and in Pułtusk in 2009. The next three meetings took place in Cracow, in Zagreb, in Lisbon (in 2012, 2015 and 2017, respectively). The subsequent conference was an online event in Trieste (in 2021). The following conference was held in person 2 years later, in Warsaw. The latest took place in Bucharest, Romania, in 2025.

The time has come to acknowledge the conference's development into an international forum for Egyptological research, bringing together scholars from different countries to share their findings, exchange ideas, and contribute to a deeper understanding of ancient Egypt. This development reflects the enduring principles of equality, scholarly exchange, and cooperation that have inspired the organizers and have shaped the conference since its beginnings. As in the previous editions, the conference is also open to younger generations of Egyptologists (MA required), who will have a great opportunity to share their research with more experienced scholars, in an environment that will encourage the growth and refinement of the discipline.

THEMES OF THE CURRENT EDITION

The main focus is on research in all fields of Egyptology, such as:

- history and chronology, from prehistory to the Arab conquest
- language and literature
- art
- mythology and religion
- archaeological research
- archaeobotany, palaeozoology and palaeoecology
- artefacts (analysis, interpretation, iconography, typology, etc.)
- museum collections
- anthropology, forensic and radiological research
- history of Egyptology
- Aegyptiaca, Egyptomania and reception of ancient Egypt

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Time slots and language

Each presentation shall last 20 minutes. The official language of the conference is **English**.

Submission of abstracts

The deadline for submission of abstracts is the **31st January 2027**, with notification of acceptance by the **15th March 2027**.

The application should consist of a Word document with the abstract including:

- Title of the abstract
- Name, title and professional affiliation of the author/authors
- The author's email address
- No more than 500 words, followed by 3 to 5 keywords
- A short yet relevant CV with a photograph of the author, following the abstract

Please send the application to both addresses:

XII ECE 2027 NBU: XIIECE.2027@nbu.bg
Prof. Sergei Ignatov, PhD, DSc: signatov@nbu.bg

Registration fees

The registration fees will be paid after the notification of acceptance, i.e. the **15th March 2027**. Information regarding the bank account will be provided in the Second Call for Conference, which will be delivered after that date. The fees apply to both international and European participants. All payments must be completed by **15 May 2027**.

Participant category	Fee
Researchers	**€150**
Student researchers (Master's degree holders and PhD students)	**€100**
Visitors	**€150**

The registration fee for speakers includes:

- Sessions where papers are presented
- Conference materials
- Coffee breaks
- Additional events (excluding the excursion on 25 September 2027; see below)
- Publication

The registration fee for visitors includes:

- Access to the sessions where papers are presented
- Coffee breaks

Bank transfer / payment information

Please include the following information in the payment details:

> **Payment method:** Bank transfer
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> **Payment reference:** ECEXII; Participation/Visitor Fee; Full Name
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> **Bank:** Банка ДСК (DSK Bank)
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> **IBAN:** BG12STSA93000021472085
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> **BIC/SWIFT:** STSABGSF

Please ensure that your full name and the conference reference (**ECEXII**) are clearly indicated in the payment details to facilitate the identification of your payment.

Excursion and events after the conference

Participants wishing to attend the post-conference excursion on **25 September 2027** will be required to pay an additional fee of **€120**, payable upon arrival or during the days of the conference. The excursion fee should be paid in Sofia, separately from the conference participation fee.

Information regarding the destination and the bank account will be included in the Second Call for Conference, which will be delivered after 15th March 2027. Other events during the conference days will be announced in the Third Call, which will be delivered after 15th June 2027.

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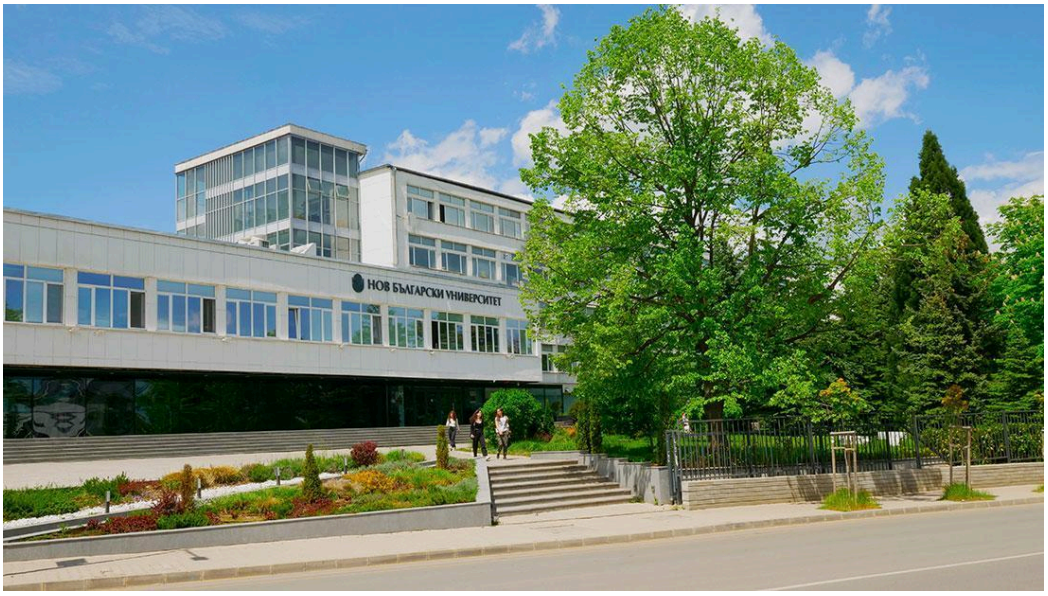
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21 Montevideo St., Sofia, 1618, BG

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Google Maps: maps.app.goo.gl/W71PjPmqKXz1D5wa7

How to get to New Bulgarian University (NBU) by metro

Starting point: NDK Metro Station (National Palace of Culture), Sofia

Destination: New Bulgarian University, 21 Montevideo Street, Sofia

1. **At NDK Metro Station**, follow the signs for **Metro Line M3 (green line)** and the NDK II station.
2. **Take Line M3 towards Gorna Banya.**
3. **Get off at Mizia/NBU (Мизия/НБУ)** station.
4. **Walk to New Bulgarian University**, following the signs towards the university campus.

Estimated travel time: Approximately 25–35 minutes, including the metro journey and walking. For route planning and updated timetables, consult the official Sofia Metro map.

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