



## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Archaeology and the Ancient World

### AUGUSTUS AND THE WESTERN PROVINCES 2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Augustus 26-29 November 2014 Tarragona Congress Palace

#### Presentation

Tarragona, known to the Romans as Tarraco, was the capital of the ancient province of Hispania Citerior, also called Tarraconensis. It has inherited a rich and important historical and monumental legacy that makes it one of the outstanding cities of the former Roman Empire. Aware of the significance the city's past, in 2012 the Mútua Catalana Private Foundation, a non-profit institution for the promotion of culture based in Tarragona, established the Tarraco Biennial International Archaeological Congress. The foundation is now sponsoring the second edition of the congress, which will focus on the figure of Augustus, the bimillenary of whose death is on 19 August 2014.

In 27 BC, the Senate conferred on Octavian the title of Augustus and all the powers of the state. The emperor spent part of 26 and 25 BC in Tarraco recovering from illness. While here he was kept informed of the progress of the Cantabrian War and affairs in Rome and also received embassies from more distant lands. During this time the city dedicated an altar to him. Augustus coordinated new censuses, the reorganisation of the provinces and the refoundation of a large number of towns and cities. In the year 15, after his death and official deification, the province decided to honour his memory by building the magnificent temple of Augustus in Tarraco spoken of by the historian Tacitus.

Without a doubt, Augustus' influence on the history of Rome also left its mark on Tarraco. That is why, through this congress, we wish to commemorate this anniversary and concentrate on a numerous but select group of researchers who, through their investigative contributions, are adding to our critical knowledge of the person of Augustus, his work and his legacy.

#### The Congress Theme

The main subject of the congress will be Augustus and his work. The conference sessions will be held over three days and will be based on three main thematic points: "A World in Transformation", "The Hispania of Augustus" and "Tarraco", to be expounded in six presentations:

- The changes in the Roman world between the end of the Republic and the era of Augustus

- A city in adaptation. The new Rome
- The Hispania of Augustus
- Augustus and the landscape of the Roman city: *urbs in ruwe, rus in urbe*
- Tarraco
- The legacy of Augustus

#### Congress Participation

Participation in the congress can be through the presentation of papers or posters. Paper and poster proposals should be sent before **15 May 2014** to [jlopez@icac.cat](mailto:jlopez@icac.cat). The list of papers and posters accepted by the scientific commission will be announced after **1 July**. All accepted contributions will be published the following year. The following languages will be accepted: Catalan, Spanish, French, Italian, English and German.

#### Papers

Proposals will be accepted on any of the six central thematic subjects. They should be sent prior to the aforementioned closing date and should not exceed 1500 characters including spaces. The allotted time for paper presentations will be 15 minutes.

#### Posters

Summaries of poster proposals should be sent to the Congress Secretariat. They will be studied by the organising committee, which reserves the right to accept or reject them.

Inclusion in the programme is subject to acceptance of the proposal. Persons whose proposals are accepted will be notified by the organising committee and informed of the submission method and final reception date for originals.

#### Poster presentation and submission guidelines:

Posters will be exhibited at the congress venue. They should be prepared according to the following specifications:

- Size: A0 format = 841 x 1189 mm
- Orientation: vertical.
- Font: Times New Roman.
- Title: 48 pt
- Author / Institution: 36 pt
- Text: no less than 24 pt

- The title, author and institution of origin should appear centred at the top of the poster.
- The upper left-hand corner should contain the reference to the congress.
- Authors may bring their posters to the congress themselves or they may send them by post to the general secretary to arrive not later than 14 November.

#### Registration

The standard registration fee is 50 € (published proceedings not included). The reduced registration fee is 25 € (published proceedings not included). The reduced registration fee is applicable to students, the unemployed and retired persons who must provide documentary evidence of their status (a student or pensioner's card, INEM (National Employment Institute) registration, etc.).

Registered participants will be eligible to purchase the proceedings at cost price. The congress proceedings will be published in 2015.

Registration is through the website [www.tarracobiennial.com](http://www.tarracobiennial.com). The registration process will start on 1 February.

#### Organisation

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