

First Announcement
Seventh International Conference of Manichaean Studies

We are pleased to announce that the Seventh International Conference of Manichaean Studies will take place at the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin from 8–12 September 2009. The congress will take place in the Coach House of Dublin Castle in the very center of Dublin, adjacent to the Chester Beatty Library. More information about the location and maps can be viewed on the webpage http://www.dublincastle.ie/coach_house.html. The Library will also host an exhibition of its Manichaean texts to coincide with the congress.

On Tuesday evening (8 September) a welcome reception will take place at the CBL. The ordinary meeting will be held from Wednesday to Friday. Each day reports on recent research in the fields of Manichaean studies will be held in the morning.

On Saturday (12 September) visits to Newgrange, (passage-tomb complex c.3200 BC) or Glendalough (monastic complex 6th-12th century) will be organized. Social events centred on Dublin's cultural attractions will be take place in the evenings. More information will be sent out in the next circular.

Registration fees for the Conference have been set in euros as follows: EUR 80 for Normal IAMS members, EUR 100 for participants, who are not member of the IAMS; students: EUR 50/40. In case of grant by the Department of Culture the fee will be reduced.

Accommodation: A list of hotels with special offers for participants of the conference will be given in a special circular letter. Offers for other cheap hotels can be searched and booked in an easy way also via internet.

Lunch: Nearby the CBL are a lot of possibilities to take a meal. In the Chester Beatty Library itself the Silk Road Cafe is open during the opening hours of the museum.

Admission of the Library is free. In the permanent exhibition manuscripts from the three great religions Christianity, Islam and Buddhism can be seen in the second floor. To learn more about the collection visit the website of the Chester Beatty Library: <http://www.cbl.ie/> During the conference it will be possible to visit the Reading Room of the Library in small groups. Please note, that researcher, who wants to deal with special material have to arrange an appointment.

If you want to attend the conference send a mail or postal letter to pre-register.

Call for papers: You also also invited to offer a paper at the conference. Please submit a provisional title to Siegfried Richter (address and e-mail below).

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