



**4th International Congress of Archaeology and the
Ancient World Tarraco Biennial**

7th Hispanic Christian Archaeology Meeting

“Christianity in Late Antiquity. New perspectives”

Tarragona, 21/22/23/24 November 2018

The “First National Meeting of Early Christian Archaeology” was held in Vitoria on the initiative of Professor Pere de Palol, at that time Professor of Archaeology at the University of Valladolid. The aim of that meeting was to prepare for the “8th International Congress of Christian Archaeology”, which was to be held in Barcelona two years later. It would be followed by a “Second Meeting...” in Montserrat (November 1978). The third meeting was entitled the “Meeting of Hispanic Christian Archaeology” and was held in Mahón in November 1988. This title would be maintained for the following meetings, the fourth held in Lisbon (September 1992), the fifth in Cartagena (April 1998) and the sixth in Valencia (May 2003).

It has been fifteen years since that last meeting and much has happened in all areas of research, as well as in Tarragona. We believe the time has come to once again assess, interpret and communicate the exceptional importance of the archaeological evidence of the *Tarraco christiana* that was the centre of the Roman provincial government and subsequently a Visigothic town and mint, as well as a place of pilgrimage to the tomb of the Martyr Saints Fructuosus, Augurius and Eulogius. The town was named a metropolitan see and progressively became a great *civitas ecclesiastica* and the setting for the Provincial Council of 516.

Since 2012, the different institutions involved in the custody and archaeological research of the Roman monumental heritage of Tarragona have been holding the Tarraco Biennial meetings with the sponsorship of the Fundació Privada Mutua Catalana. Now, in conjunction with the historical-archaeological section of the Institut d’Estudis Catalans and the chair of Christian Archaeology at the University of Barcelona, it has been decided to jointly organise the 7th Meeting of Hispanic Christian Archaeology in our city, coinciding with the 4th

International Congress of Archaeology and the Ancient World Tarraco Biennial. We invite you to participate with the intention of getting to know, discussing and disseminating the new developments in your research in the different areas of the Iberian Peninsula.

The congress structure and participation

After an inaugural speech, all the contributions will be in the same format of twenty-minute presentations. Proposals can be sent by email to the congress coordinator and secretary (joaquin.ruizdearbulo@urv.cat; jlopez@icac.cat) before **28 February 2018**. They should include the title, the author(s), their institution of reference, contact details and a short summary of the subject (maximum 3,000 characters including spaces).

The scientific committee will decide on their acceptance prior to **30 March** and will advise of the order of the sessions. If appropriate, the meeting will be organised simultaneously in different adjoining rooms.

Poster proposals should be sent to the congress coordinator and secretary (joaquin.ruizdearbulo@urv.cat; jlopez@icac.cat) before **28 February 2018**. They will be evaluated by the members of the congress scientific committee, who will decide which are to be admitted prior to 30 March. Posters will consist of a summary of the work undertaken (maximum 2,000 characters including spaces) and will include the title, the author(s) and their institution of reference and an abstract.

The posters will be exhibited at the Congress venue. They should be prepared using the following standards:

-Size: DIN-A1 format. Orientation: vertical.

-Font: Times New Roman.

-The upper middle part of the poster should display the following information: the poster title, author and institution of origin.

-The upper left-hand corner should make reference to the meeting.

-Contributors may bring their posters to the meeting personally or they can send them by post to the general secretary prior to 15 November.

Publication

The peer-reviewed meeting proceedings will be published in November 2019. This will require the author to submit the definitive texts of their contributions in January 2019. The Congress proceedings will be published digitally in open access and, budget permitting, also in print. The languages accepted are: Catalan, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, English and German.

Registration

Pre-registration for the Congress will be available on the www.tarracobiennial.com website (Starting March 1st). The standard registration fee will be 30 €. A reduced registration fee of 10 € will be available to students, the unemployed and pensioners, subject to the presentation of a document confirming their status (student card, unemployment or retirement registration). Payment will be made at the venue.

Venue

Saló d'Actes del Campus Catalunya. URV. Av. Catalunya, 35. Tarragona

Dates: 21/22/23/24 November 2018.

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