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In three weeks, following a period of uncertainty that has certainly weighed on you, we will have the pleasure of welcoming you in person to the 12th Congress of Coptic Studies in Brussels. Like you, we are delighted to be able to finally meet face to face and partake in an intellectual exchange in a safer and more interactive space. In this final circular, we would like to summarize some practical information.

1. VENUE

1.1. Arriving

The conference will be held on the Solbosch campus of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). The campus is easily accessible by public transportation from the center of Brussels, major train stations and airports.

To get around Brussels, you can use the STIB (Brussels Intercommunal Transport Company) with the appropriate tickets. Tramways, buses and subways are equipped with small machines that allow you to pay contactless with your bank card (if your bank card allows it), your smartphone or your connected watch. The price of a ticket for a one-hour trip is €2.10, regardless of your destination within Brussels (NB: this does not apply to the trip from the airport, which requires a different ticket). If you travel more than three times in one day, you only pay a maximum of €7.50. You can also buy paper tickets (which are more expensive) at the various machines at bus, tramway and subway stops and stations, or at kiosks. All information about public transportation in Brussels can be found on the STIB website: <https://www.stib-mivb.be/index.htm?l=en>.

Please note that the closest stops to the congress venue are: “ULB” and “Cimetière d’Ixelles”, located in sector G7 on the STIB map that can be downloaded via the following link: https://www.stib-mivb.be/irj/go/km/docs/WEBSITE_RES/Attachments/Network/Plan/Net_Reseau/SCHM_Plan_ACTU.pdf. The campus is right at the ULB stop and about a ten-minute walk away from Cimetière d’Ixelles.

Below is a map of the Solbosch campus and STIB stops in the vicinity.



From the airport

If you are coming directly from the airport, the easiest and cheapest way to arrive at the University is to catch Bus 12 (STIB) at the bus stop “Brussels Airport” and to get off at stop “Meiser” (about a 20 min ride); there, you can catch Tram 25, and get off at the stop “ULB” (another 20 mins). With Bus 12, you can also get off at the stop “Luxembourg” (about 25 mins), and then take the Bus 95 and get off at the stop “Cimetière d’Ixelles” (about 20 mins).

You can also travel by train from the airport (direction Dinant), and stop at the train station “Etterbeek” (a 30 min ride), then take Tram 25 (direction Boondael) and stop at “ULB” (15 min). Please be aware that there is no elevator or escalator at Etterbeek station.

From train stations “Bruxelles-Midi” or “Bruxelles-Central”

If you are arriving by train, you will arrive either at “Bruxelles-Midi” or at “Bruxelles-Central”. From station “Bruxelles-Midi”, catch the Metro line 2 or 6 (towards “Elisabeth”) and get off at stop “Louise” (5 min), then take Tram 8 (direction “Roodebeek”) and get off at “ULB” (20 min). From “Bruxelles-Central”, take Bus 71 (direction “Delta”) and get off at “ULB” (30 min).

From the recommended hotels

NB: the following applies to travel from Monday-Saturday.

From **Hôtel Argus** (Rue Capitaine Crespel 6, 1050 Ixelles) – Walk to stop “Louise” and take Tram 8 towards “Roodebeek”, then get off at stop “ULB” (20 min).

From **Hotel Barsey by Warwick** (Avenue Louise 381-383, 1050 Ixelles) – Walk to stop “Abbaye” and take Tram 8 towards “Roodebeek”, then get off at stop “ULB” (10 min).

From **Hôtel le Berger** (Rue du Berger 24, 1050 Ixelles) – Walk to the “Avenue Louise” until you arrive to stop “Louise”, where you can take Tram 8 towards “Roodebeek”, then get off at stop “Solbosch” (20 min). You can also walk towards the “Chaussée d’Ixelles”, and catch Bus 71 at stop “Quartier Saint-Boniface”. Get off at stop “ULB”.

From **Hôtel Ibis Brussels Centre Châtelain** (Chaussée de Vleurgat 191, 1050 Ixelles) – Walk to stop “Bailli” and take Tram 8 towards “Roodebeek”, then get off at stop “ULB” (10 min).

From **Hôtel Jardin secret** (Rue du Berger 22, 1050 Ixelles) – Walk towards the “Chaussée d’Ixelles”, from where you can take Bus 71 at stop “Quartier Saint-Boniface”, then get off at stop “ULB” (20 min). You can also walk to the “Avenue Louise” until you arrive to stop “Louise”, where you will take Tram 8 towards “Roodebeek”, then get off at stop “ULB” (20 min).

From **Auberge des 3 Fontaines** (Chaussée de Wavre 2057, 1160 Auderghem) – Take Bus 72 at stop “Adeps”, and get off at stop “ULB” (40 min).

By car

In case you need a taxi, here are the links to the main Brussels taxi companies: <https://taxisverts.be/fr/particulier/> and <https://taxisbleus.be/index.php/fr/>.

A temporary parking permit will be granted to those of you arriving by car. This car park is located in the immediate vicinity of the **S-** and **K-buildings**. It can be accessed via Avenue F.D. Roosevelt (entrance 11 on the map) or via Avenue Buyt (entrance 1 on the map). Please write to Alain.Delattre@ulb.be who will send you a form to be filled in.

1.2. Congress location

The congress sessions will take place in 6 rooms, spread over two buildings located on the campus of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). Below is a ULB campus map.



The S-building

- The Dupréel room on the 1st floor, renamed “Alexandria” for the duration of the congress, will host the plenary papers and the opening speeches.
- In the same building, the Baugniet room, renamed “Philae”, will host one of the thematic sessions.
- On site registration will be located on the ground floor of the main hall of the building on Monday morning.

The K-Building:

- The ground floor hall will be the main location for coffee breaks, books and poster exhibitions.
- On level 3, you will find the rooms K.3.201, K.3.401 and K.3.601, renamed “Atripe,” “Bawit” and “Djeme” for the duration of the congress.
- On level 4, you will find the rooms K.4.201 and K.4.401, renamed “Kellia” and “Qalamun” for the duration of the congress.



*On the left: the S-building
On the right: the K-building*

2. REGISTRATION

On arrival, participants will receive a bag containing their name tag, the printed programme, the booklet containing paper abstracts. On **Monday 11 July, from 7.30 am to 9.00 am**, those who have not yet paid their registration fees will be invited to provide payment. As no card payment will be possible on the day of the congress, participants will have to pay any outstanding fees in cash only.

Participants who were granted scholarships will receive them on **Monday at 4 pm**. (after deduction of the registration fee, if it has not yet been paid).

We remind you that only those who are registered will be authorized to take part in the congress and the various associated events.

3. PROGRAMME AND CONGRESS

The final **programme** is now available at <https://lla.ulb.be/program.html>. Those of you wishing to attend the session “Digital Coptic” on Thursday are kindly asked to write in advance to e.lincke@fu-berlin.de.

The plenary papers take place in the “Alexandria” room in the **S-building**, between 9 and 10.30 am. A number of them will also be available online; links to those will be provided (with Microsoft Teams). In addition, the bibliographies related to the different plenary papers will also be available on the congress website on July 2.

The regular sessions will take place in the six abovementioned rooms: one in the “Philae” room in the **S-building**, and the other five in the “Atripe,” “Bawit,” “Djeme,” “Kellia” and “Qalamun” rooms, situated in the **K-building**.



“Alexandria” room

Each speaker will have **20 minutes** to speak, followed by 5 minutes of questions and discussion. For the sake of the event schedule and to allow time to those who wish to navigate between different sessions and rooms, we insist on strict adherence to the time allotted. The chairmen and -women will help ensure timely delivery of papers by means of a coloured sheets system: a green sheet will be placed in front of the speaker after 15 minutes, an orange sheet after 18 minutes and a red sheet after 20 minutes.

Those who want to project a **slide presentation on the screen** should save it in PDF format on a USB stick and install it, in advance, on the room’s computer. Those who wish to circulate a handout should bring their own prints.

Each day will be punctuated by three **breaks**. Two 30 minutes-coffee breaks will take place every day at 10:30 and 16:00 (16:30 on Thursday 14/7), during which all participants are invited to partake of coffee, tea and refreshments, as well as some well-deserved sweets. A 90-minutes lunch break will take place every day at 12:30 (13:00 on Thursday 14/7). Please see section 4, below, for lunch options. Please note that lunch is not included in the congress registration.

It should also be noted that several **publishing houses** (Peeters, Brepols, Brill, De Boccard, Association égyptologique Reine Élisabeth, Association des Amis du Centre d’Histoire et Civilisation de Byzance) have agreed to attend the congress to present their publications related to our studies. This book exhibition will take place every day in the hall of the **K-building**.

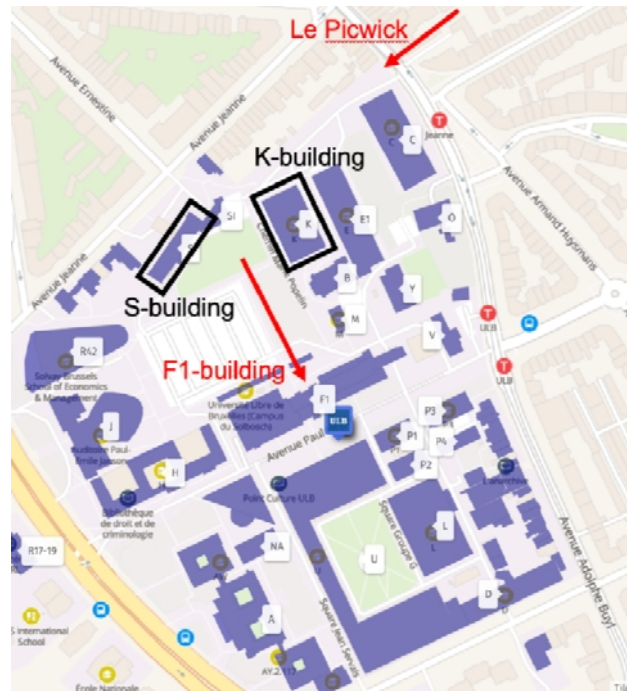
The **IACS Business meeting** (for IACS members only) will be held on Saturday morning from 10 am in the “Alexandria Room.” Please contact Stephen Emmel (emmstel@uni-muenster.de) if you have any questions about the meeting.

4. LUNCH BREAKS

For lunch breaks, you will find a range of options in the neighborhood.

The **university restaurant**, which is located on the 1st floor of the F1 building, will be open every day at lunchtime. The entrance is located at the center of the building (see arrow on the map below). The restaurant offers a variety of dishes, including vegetarian options, at a reasonable price.

Not far from the **K-building**, you will also find the small “Le Picwick-la Braisière” brasserie (Avenue Adolphe Buyl 79), see http://le-pickwick-la-brasserie.lafourchette.rest/fr_FR/. To go to this restaurant, you can walk to Avenue Buyl; the restaurant is located at the campus exit on the left-hand side (see red arrow on the map).



In addition, the university neighborhood offers various possibilities for eating out, for all budgets, and in particular in the area known as the “Cimetière d’Ixelles.” You can get there on foot (10 min.), but you can also get there by taking the bus 71 towards “Delta” and getting off at the next stop “Cimetière d’Ixelles.” Please see below for a cursory list of lunch options:

Restaurants:

- La Bastoche (Chaussée de Boondael 473), see: <https://www.lesorganisateurs.be/bastoche>.
- La Bécasse (Chaussée de Boondael 476), see: <https://la-becasse.com/en>.
- Mirabelle (Chaussée de Boondael 459), see: <http://www.mirabelle.be/>.
- Be Burger (Chaussée de Boondael 469), see: <https://beburger.be/fr-be/restaurants/beburger-cimetiere-ixelles/>.
- Makisu - Cimetière d’Ixelles (Chaussée de Boondael 472), see: <https://www.makisu.be/>.

Sandwiches & fast-food:

- Exki Université (Avenue de l’Université 22).
- Le Pain quotidien Cimetière d’Ixelles (Chaussée de Boondael 479).
- Hector Chicken (Avenue de l’Université 29).
- Quick Boondael (Chaussée de Boondael 462).

Supermarkets:

- Okay Compact Ixelles (Avenue de l’Université 16).
- Carrefour Carrefour market Boondael Ixelles (Chaussée de Boondael 444).

Finally, in the “**Place de la Petite Suisse**” area, also located ten minutes from the campus, you will find many Asian restaurants, including:

- Chez Fleur (Chaussée de Boondael 326), see <https://www.chezfleur.be/chez-fleur/>.
- L’Exodus (Chaussée de Boondael 360).



5. SOCIAL EVENTS

To celebrate our reunion, we have planned a series of events and visits to which you will have access, if you have paid the registration fees.

5.1 Cocktail party (12/7/2022)

A welcome cocktail party will be given in honor of all participants and attendees in the main hall of the **S-building**, just in front of the “Alexandria” room, on Tuesday 12 July, from 7 to 9 pm. We invite you to enjoy a variety of freshly made sandwiches, accompanied by a variety of salty snacks and refreshments.

5.2. Visit of the “Musée Art & Histoire” (13/7/2022)

At 2:30 pm. on Wednesday 13 July a visit to the “Musée Art & Histoire” is planned, which houses, among others, an Egyptian collection and a small Coptic section. A short introduction by the museum’s curators will take place in the Auditorium, followed by a free visit. The meeting point will be at the Museum’s main entrance, at the following address: 10 Parc du Cinquanteaire, 1000 Brussels.

The quickest way to get there by public transport is as follows. Take tram 25 to the “ULB” stop in the direction of “Rogier” and get off at the “Montgomery” stop. Then, take Avenue de Tervuren for about 20 minutes to reach the “Parc du Cinquanteaire”. From “Montgomery”, you can also take the subway 1 (direction “Gare de l’Ouest”) and get off at the “Mérode” stop. From there, head towards the Parc du Cinquanteaire, taking the Avenue des Gaulois, then the Avenue des Nerviens. The entrance will be on your right (see arrow on the map).



5.3. Group picture (14/7/2022)

We invite you all to create a lasting memory of the congress, and our reunion following two years of a challenging pandemic, with a group picture on Thursday 14 July at 1 pm, on the steps of the **K-building**.

5.4. Congress dinner (14/7/2022)

A walking dinner will take place at the “Chalet Robinson” on Thursday 14 July at 7.30 pm. The restaurant is located on the island of the Bois de la Cambre’s lake.

The lake is about 15 minutes away by foot from the **S-building**. When you exit the building, turn left and continue walking until you reach the Avenue Franklin Roosevelt. Cross the boulevard and take the Avenue Victoria, which runs to the left along the Bois de la Cambre. Walk for about 7 minutes on this avenue and take the first road on the right (Avenue de l’Orée). At the end of the Avenue de l’Orée, turn left again onto the Avenue de Flore (which turns into Avenue de la Sapinière) and head towards the lake in front of you. After a 5-minute walk, you will see a pier on the edge of the lake.



If you are coming from one of the hotels located near the Avenue Louise, take tram 8 (direction “Roodebeek”) or 93 (direction “Legrand”) and get off at the “Legrand” stop. Head towards the Bois de la Cambre, which is in front of you. When you reach the woods, you will see two avenues, one to the left and one to the right. Take the one on the right (“Avenue de Diane”) and follow it. After 15 minutes, you will see the lake. Go to the pier.

To access the boat that will take you to the island of “Chalet Robinson”, you will need to bring your badge which will be checked by a doorkeeper. Only those who have been duly registered will be allowed access to the island, which is booked for the occasion.

Discover this exceptional venue reserved for the congress dinner: <https://chaletrobinson.be/>.



6. RELAXING IN GREEN AREAS

Several remarkable green spaces are located around the University, which may be worth a visit if the weather permits:

- Abbaye de la Cambre (nice French gardens);
- Bois de la Cambre and, on the island, the Chalet Robinson;
- Cimetière d'Ixelles (beautiful 19th-century cemetery, with many trees).



8. COVID-19 INFORMATION

Since 23/5/2022, wearing a mask is not mandatory anymore in indoor spaces (except in pharmacies and medical centres) and on public transportation in Belgium. All updates on the situation are available at the following address: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>.

All restrictions on arrival in Belgium (testing, quarantine) have been lifted since 23 May, as no country is currently on the list of “very high risk countries”: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/travels/>.

9. WEATHER FORECAST

In general, the weather forecast is not bad for July in Brussels. Temperatures can easily vary, from 20 to 35 degrees celsius, with sometimes rain and thunderstorms. Don't forget to bring a rain jacket or at least an umbrella, in addition to your summer clothes as it can rain suddenly.

Looking forward to welcoming you all in Brussels,

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