

52nd INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS

Seville, Spain, July 17th – 21st 2006

People and Cultures of the Americas: Dialogues between globality and locality

FIRST NEWSLETTER

SUMMONING

The Rector of the University of Seville and President of the Organizing Committee of the 52nd International Congress of Americanists greets the international academic community working in American studies and at the same time, invites them to participate at the next edition of this scientific meeting, which will be held at our University between July 17th and July 26th 2006.

The International Congress of Americanists is a scientific event with a long tradition. It has been held uninterruptedly since 1875 (when the first one was held in Nancy, France) every three years, and the host city changes from country to country and also between continents, so that an edition in Europe is followed by an edition in America, and vice versa. In the last two decades congresses were held in Colombia (Bogotá 1985), the Netherlands (Amsterdam 1988), United States (New Orleans 1991), Sweden (Stockholm-Uppsala 1994), Ecuador (Quito 1997), Poland (Warsaw 2000) and Chile (Santiago 2003).

The theme chosen for the 52nd ICA is intended to focus on plurality, on the fact that the Americas are plural not just in terms of states or European-background cultures, but also plural with regards to the indigenous people that preserve their own cultures; the resulting plurality of voices and votes, of studies and debates among the people and cultures of the Americas, a large region with one main feature, since the first encounter there are convergent and divergent developments of both global and local phenomena.

The University wants to show its gratitude for the trust conferred onto it by the scientific community that attended the General Meeting of the 51st International Congress of Americanists held in Santiago de Chile on July 17th 2003, in which it was voted to hold the forthcoming 2006 edition of the congress in Seville. It will be the fifth time this event takes place in Spain, which has already hosted four editions, all of them a long time ago: the two first ones in the late 19th century (4th and 9th editions, held in Madrid in 1881 and Huelva in 1892), and the other two editions were, by the way, held in Seville; they were the 26th Congress (Seville 1935) and the 36th Congress, held in Barcelona, Madrid and Seville in 1964. In taking again the baton the University of Seville intends to attain the high standards of previous editions, which have turned the congress in an obliged reference in Americanist studies.

With a history that dates back to the late 15th century, the University of Seville expanded with the city's upsurge in connection with the American world, and nowadays it has become one of the most important in Spain. It keeps excellent academic relationships with all American countries and in quite different fields of knowledge, and this will nothing but facilitate the best possible welcoming environment to all those wishing to attend the Congress. Moreover, the University of Seville has a long experience in the organization of all kinds of conferences and a physical infrastructure which is not only most appropriate, but also excellent to host an event of the characteristics and magnitude of the 52nd ICA. The venue will be historic central building of the University (former Royal Tobacco Factory, of the 18th century), current site of its Central Services and of the Schools of Law, Languages and Geography and History.

THEME AREAS

Our general purpose is trying to achieve a balance between the tradition of this congress and with our willingness to open participation to the highest possible number of scientists working in the different fields of knowledge of the American situation. Therefore, in this 52nd ICA it has been decided to maintain existing forums – theme areas – for the presentation of scientific developments and their discussion and at the same add new ones. Thus, at the next Congress the Theme Areas will be as follows:

THEME AREAS
Anthropology
Archaeology
Linguistics and Literature
History and Art
Ethnic-social movements and Human Rights
Economic, social and political-legal studies
Thought, Philosophy and Education
Science, Technology and Environment

As the above chart shows, the Organizing Committee of the 52nd ICA has decided to include for the first time the area of “Science, Technology and Environment”, considering that such themes are closely connected to American studies, since they have played a crucial role in the progress of American people. On the other hand there have been many contributions in the field of Science and Technology that have flowed both ways, to and from America, allowing for an enhanced understanding of the hypotheses proposed in the past, present and future of Science.

Within the framework of these theme areas we are inviting our colleagues interested in proposing symposia to submit their proposals according to the guidelines listed below. There will be a Scientific Commission for each of the above areas, which will evaluate, and eventually approve, all the submitted proposals. Altogether the number of selected symposia should be around one hundred and fifty.

SYMPOSIA, APPROVAL AND OPERATION OF SYMPOSIA

- a) Symposia should have two (2) convenors, preferably from different countries. Coordinators, or at least one of them, must have e-mail, telephone and fax.
- b) One convenor should not coordinate more than one symposium.
- c) Convenors will:
 - Take care of their theme line and determine the technical rules of papers.
 - Approve or reject proposed papers.
 - Abide to the symposium’s program and schedule.
 - Decide on paper publication.
 - Eventually, help in finding a symposium sponsor
- d)) In order to support the symposia the organizers of the 52nd ICA will:
 - Disseminate all information before and during the congress.
 - Provide an appropriate venue with sound, video and technical equipment to hold the symposium.
- e) Each symposium must include at least 8 and not more than 20 papers. In all cases it will have 10 hours of meeting room available for all of them.

f) For practical reasons we suggest to that symposia be conducted in one or more of the three most spoken languages in America: Spanish, English and Portuguese. There will be no simultaneous translation during the Congress.

g) Regarding the proposals and acceptance of symposia proposed for the Congress, it is necessary to remark that:

- Symposium proposals must be submitted to the Congress organizers before **March 31st 2005**. They must include: name and address of coordinators, symposium title, a summary (3 to 5 pages) of its contents, preliminary participant list, as well as title and abstract (one page maximum) of the appropriate papers, which must be at least four by that date.
- The Scientific Commission will make a decision of their pre-acceptation before **May 31st 2005**.
- After this process, for a symposium to be finally accepted and included into the Congress program it must included at least eight registered papers and all announced speakers must have paid their Congress registration fee prior to **December 31st 2005**

PAPERS

According to the above terms:

- a) Proposals for papers must be directly submitted to the symposium convenors for their approval and inclusion into the symposium and Congress program.
- b) Participants may present a maximum of to papers at two different symposia.
- c) Paper registration deadline is December 31st 2005. Should any symposium convener accept new papers on a later date (provided that the total number does not exceed the above limits), the organizers cannot guarantee their inclusion into the official program of the Congress.

PARTICIPATION CATEGORIES

All participants, including symposia coordinators, speakers, registered participants presenting or not presenting papers and students are entitled to:

- Participate in all the academic and social activities of the Congress
- Make proposals, speak and vote at the General Assembly.
- Receive all information material and benefit of any other service that may be established later.

There will be a special student registration fee and a scholarship system which will be detailed in the future.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Accompanying persons must be registered as such by a participant, using the appropriate form, and they will be entitled to participate in all the complementary and social activities of the Congress.

Registration fees

	Participants with paper	Participants without paper	Accompanying persons
Until December 31 st 2005	150 €	150 €	65 €
Until May 31 st 2006	190 €	190 €	80 €
From June 1st 2006	230 €	230 €	100 €

REIMBURSEMENT

If participants are unable to attend the Congress after having paid their registration fee, this will be reimbursed -except for bank or management costs- as long as written notice of cancellation of registration is provided **before May 31st 2006**. After this deadline registration fee will not be reimbursed in the event of inability to attend.

STRUCTURE AND GENERAL PROGRAMME

According to the traditional organization of this Congress **the structure** of the 52nd ICA includes:

- Plenary sessions: Opening and Closing Events, General Assembly.
- Plenary lectures: one in each theme area.
- Symposia: basic academia activity.
- Round tables: meetings of international committees, associations, etc.

The schedule and general program of the Congress will be approximately as follows:

Sunday, July 16th

11:00 – 21:00 Registration and accreditation

Monday, July 17th

08:30 – 18:00 Registration and accreditation

08:30 – 11:30 Work sessions

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Working sessions

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary lectures

20:30 Official Opening Event

22:00 Opening Reception

Tuesday, July 18th

08:30 – 11:30 Work sessions

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Working sessions

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary lectures

Wednesday, July 19th

08:30 – 11:30 am Work sessions

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Working sessions

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary lectures

Thursday, July 20th

08:30 – 11:30 Work sessions

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 12:30 Working sessions

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary lectures

19:30 – 21:30 General Assembly

Friday, July 21st

08:30 – 11:30 Work sessions

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Working sessions

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary lectures

20:00 Official closing event

22:00 Reception

Afternoons will be devoted to complementary activities, either cultural or academic (round tables, working group meetings, associations, etc.), to be announced later. On the other hand, the computer rooms of this University will be open so that participants can use them if they wish.

PAPER ACCEPTATION AND CONGRESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATIONS

- a) The only instance that will issue paper registration certificates is the Symposium Coordinator(s).
- b) The organizers of the 52nd ICA may issue on demand a Congress registration certificate once the corresponding registration fee has been cleared. On the other hand, formal invitations to attend the Congress will be issued only to special guests.

MAIL ADDRESS AND REGISTRATIONS

All **academic mail** concerning the Congress shall be addressed to the General Secretariat:

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