

NEWSLETTER. DECEMBER 2017

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to announce new progresses regarding the organization of the Extraordinary World Congress on Mummy Studies to be held in Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Canary Islands, Spain), the 21-25 May 2018.

In this newsletter you will find:

- Information about the program of the Congress, participant's contributions and registration procedures.
- · Useful tips.

We hope this information will be useful for you to prepare your attendance to the Extraordinary World Congress on Mummy Studies of 2018 in Tenerife!

With warmest regards,

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1. The Extraordinary World Congress on Mummy Studies:

The contents and distribution of the program in sessions have already been elaborated: <u>In memoriam Arthur C. (1922-2013) & Mary (1923 -2017) Aufderheide.</u>

Quite recently we have received very sad news about Mary Aufderheide that together with Arthur was a main contributor for this project 25 years ago. In this session we also wish to remember all our dear colleagues that have passed away since 1992, and were always an important and welcomed presence in the WCMS through the years. Their contributions and impact in the field will be highlighted.

- 25 years of research on the Guanche population of Tenerife (1993-2018)
- History of studies on mummies: the legacy of the pioneers
- Conservation, collection and exhibition of mummified human remains
- Research methods on mummies: Imaging
- Research methods on mummies: laboratory
- Paleopathology
- Funeral archaeology and new findings
- Methods of mummification
- Animal mummies
- -Mummies and forensic science
- Free communications
- Posters

Minor changes may be done on the agenda. In following newsletters we will send to you the definitive program with the distribution of the sessions within. All this information will be available at the <u>website of the Congress</u>







2. Registration procedures and contributions for the Congress:

The <u>website of the Extraordinary World Congress on Mummy Studies</u> **is now fully operational**. Registration and sending your contributions will be possible through the website.

Registration fees

The registration fee includes access to the opening ceremony, the welcoming reception, entrance to all conferences, daily coffee/tea breaks, a closure dinner, a publication containing the program/abstract and the proceedings book once the Congress ends.

Accompanying persons' fees include the welcome reception, the closure dinner, and other free activities that may be available by the organization.

To make your stay in Tenerife as pleasant as possible, we are currently preparing an agenda of complimentary parallel activities. As an advance, it is a pleasure for us to inform you that with your registration you will have included free of cost:

- Entrance to the network of museums of the Autonomous Organism of Museums and Centers of Tenerife Island Council: Museum of Nature and Man; Museum of the History of Tenerife; Anthropology Museum of Tenerife; Interpretation Centre of the San Cristóbal Castle
- Excursion to the National Park of Las Cañadas del Teide
- Guided tour to San Cristóbal de La Laguna (Declared World Heritage Site by UNESCO)

Information on restaurants and cafeterias near the venue for the lunch time will be provided by the organization on request.

Additional activities will be made available in the next future.

Concessions are offered for students up to a limit of 50 registered attendees. Proof of being a registered student must be produced at the time of the payment. Once the limit of 50 registered students is reached, regular fees will be applicable.







| Fees | Regular fee (until March, 31 2018) | Late registration fee (from April 1 to May 21 2018) |
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| General registration | 120€ | 150€ |
| Students* | 60€ | 75€ |
| Accompanying person (adult) | 60€ | 75€ |

^{*} Subject to the limit of 50 registrations for accredited students on a first-come, first-served basis

Contributions for the Congress

There are three kinds of contributions you may submit for the Extraordinary World Congress on Mummy Studies:

- Papers
- Posters
- Videos

At the time of your registration, please select the type of contribution(s) you may want to present and the section(s) where you consider it would fit better. **Deadline for submission is 10 April 2018**. From that date henceforth it will not be possible to submit further contributions with your registration.

All contributions should be submitted in English. You may present up to three contributions (shared or individual). Podium presentations should have a maximum duration of 15 minutes.

Please, read carefully the rules for contributions and use the attached file for submitting.

Paper abstracts, poster and video descriptions will be assessed by the Scientific Committee of the Extraordinary World Congress. Once the assessment is made, a personal communication will be sent to inform you of the decision.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us in case of any doubt or if you need additional information. You may contact us through this <u>contact form</u> or submit directly your questions to <u>congress.athanatos@museosdetenerife.org</u>







3. Useful tipsi

We have open at the congress website a <u>webpage</u> with relevant practical information for your visit to Tenerife. There you will find general information on the island and the city hosting the Extraordinary World Congress including accommodation, transportation, what to see and do while you are in Tenerife, etc.

Currently, we are negotiating special fares with hotels around the venue. We will publish in the near future a list of those participating hotels so you can benefit of relevant discounts.

Other information that could be of interest for you to prepare your visit to Tenerife:

o Flights

Tenerife has plenty of direct links to the main international airports throughout Europe.

If you are coming from other continent this may be very relevant to you:

- ➤ From USA & Canada: Madrid or London are typically the main hubs connecting Tenerife. From November 2017, it is announced an alternative connection to Tenerife from Boston (USA) and Toronto (Canada) served by SATA INTERNATIONAL and Binter Canarias (shared code).
- From the Spanish / Portuguese speaking Americas: Madrid is the best option. From São Paulo you may find a good alternative with Royal Air Maroc.
- ➤ From Western Africa: Binter Canarias has direct flights from/to Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal, Gambia and Cape Verde. From/to other African countries, Madrid and London may be more suitable for you.
- From Asia or Oceania, London or Madrid may be the more suitable hubs to connect with Tenerife.

Most of the international flights arrive to <u>TFS airport</u>. This airport is around 60 km (circa 37 miles) away from the venue of the Extraordinary World Congress. <u>TFN airport</u>, where most of the flights departing from Barcelona or Madrid arrive is just 15 km (around 9 miles) away.







- Border procedures:
- ➤ EU nationals just need a valid identification card or passport. Same may apply to other countries such as Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland or Iceland.
- ➤ Other nationals may visit this <u>website</u> to obtain information about, for example, visa requirements.
 - Health services:
- > Tenerife has an extensive network of state-of-the-art public and private clinic and hospitals.
- ➤ **If you're an EU national**, you should get a free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before leaving your country. The EHIC isn't a substitute for medical and travel insurance, but it will cover you for any necessary treatment you receive at a public healthcare center or hospital during your trip.
 - o Persons with reduced mobility (PRM):
- Facilities such as airport, ports and bus/tram stations are fully accessible. Some bus stops may not. Tramways and some taxis are available for PRM. Some bus services (mainly those in the city of Santa Cruz de Tenerife) are adapted.
- This <u>website</u> will help you to inform you about accessibility issues in the island (accommodation, tourist attractions, transportation,...)
- Auditorio de Tenerife, where the Congress will take place, is ready to receive visitors with reduced mobility.
 - Consular assistance:
- ➤ Argentina, Belgium, United Kingdom and Venezuela have consular representation in Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Other countries may have honorary consulates in the island.

ⁱ Information updated by November 2017. External links and the information provided have just an advisory character with no legal or contractual significance nor liability for Museos de Tenerife on their contents.



