

IAUPE MEDIEVAL SYMPOSIUM, MALTA 2010

This paper is principally addressed to members with interests in medieval studies; but others are most welcome to participate.

I have been asked by our President, Professor Peter Vassallo, to make arrangements for the Malta medieval symposium, which is being planned to immediately precede the main conference. I have worked out the following draft programme.

We would assemble at the Victoria Hotel, Sliema (a township adjacent to Valletta), in the afternoon/evening of Thursday 15 July 2010, for dinner if you arrive in time. Friday and Saturday would be largely academic days, which would be in the Victoria, but we would also include one or two excursions to be determined when the main conference programme has been finalised, so that there is no overlapping. These excursions are likely to be chosen among various possibilities: a walking tour of the World Heritage city of Valletta (a bus ride away from the hotel), a harbour cruise, a coach trip to one or other of Malta's prehistoric sites, are among those under consideration. On Sunday we would take any remaining papers after breakfast, then set off on a coach excursion finishing at the hotels we have individually chosen for the duration of the main conference.

The Victoria Hotel is a most attractive 4-star hotel, a five-minute walk from the nearest beach as well as the buses and harbour cruises. It has excellent conference facilities, as you will see from the website (Google: Victoria Hotel Sliema Malta). They have made us a very reasonable offer for accommodation, based on a minimum stay of three nights given that it is their high season; and the total cost of the symposium to you (accommodation, conference facility, meals, excursions) should not therefore exceed 500 euros, not including the cost of getting to Malta.

In order that final arrangements for the symposium can be made in due time, and in particular accommodation pre-reserved, I now need to know whether you are interested in this programme and plan to participate. If so, please let me hear from you, and if you wish suggest a topic on which you would plan to lecture -- there is room in the programme for a few more papers. The deadline for your reply is 15 December 2009; if I have not heard from you by then I shall regretfully deduce that you do not plan to come.

As I have visited Malta and stayed at the Victoria Hotel, I shall be glad to answer any questions you may have, or obtain answers for you.

Lausanne, October 2009.

Ian Kirby,
Secretary-General.