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Dear colleagues,

We would like to thank you for your patience in awaiting details of the re-scheduled and re-located International Congress of Byzantine Studies, now to be held in **Venice and Padua in 2022**. It is less than two months since our vote on the location of the Congress, but in that short time the Italian Organizing Committee has been working hard, with the support of the Turkish Organizing Committee, to arrange for the change-over. As a result, we can now report some basic details to you.

The Italian organizing committee is establishing a dedicated page on the Italian National Committee **website** [here](#), and a **contact email address**: icbs2022@studibizantini.it For the present, all the information regarding the Congress will appear on this site, although it is planned in due course to establish an independent webpage for the Congress similar to that established by the Turkish organizing committee, **probably early in 2021**.

Apart from some adjustments, **the Congress will be to a large extent the same program as that planned for Istanbul**, and there will be an **opportunity** for participants – should they so wish – to **revise their presentations** to take the new location of the Congress into account. It is also planned to create greater opportunities for participation for junior scholars. Additionally, the Congress is being planned as a hybrid event, which is to say that access and participation via online media is also planned. Clearly, no-one can predict how the situation regarding COVID-19 will evolve, so we should all be aware that current plans may have to change yet again to take account of future developments.

Deadlines have also been adjusted to take account of the changed schedule. The Italian organizing committee will shortly be contacting all plenary session chairs and

speakers, organizers of tables rondes and of free communication sessions with further details and **to request information about continued participation.**

More details on all aspects (registration fees, accommodation, events, etc.) will be forthcoming as they become available. Many aspects of the arrangements are still in planning or as yet unconfirmed, so we ask for your continuing patience as these are dealt with, step by step. All information will be posted on the dedicated site in the Italian National Committee webpages (click on the link above), and announcements concerning new information will also be posted in the AIEB monthly Newsletter.

The members of the International Bureau and of the Italian organizing Committee thank you again for your patience.

With best wishes

John Haldon, President

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