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Information from the Local Organizing Committee

31st Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology

Klaipėda University

ICTM members are invited to the 31st Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on Ethnochoreology, hosted by the Department of Ethnomusicology at Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre (in partnership with Klaipėda University, The Council for the Safeguarding of Ethnic Culture, The Klaipėda Ethnic Culture Center, and The Lithuanian Ethnic Culture Society), which will be held in Klaipėda, Lithuania on 12th –18th July, 2021.

The Symposium will be held in a **hybrid way** with an in-person meeting in Klaipėda and virtual participation by those who are unable to travel to Lithuania in July.

The actual event will take place in the Aula Magna-Conference Hall of Klaipėda University, a multidisciplinary educational institution, a national and Baltic Region leader in the field of marine sciences and studies integrated into international academic networks, fosterer of cultural heritage, and a center for lifelong learning. Established in 1991, Klaipėda University started with three faculties; currently, its academic provision is delivered by three faculties and three research and study institutes.

Klaipėda is the only port city in Lithuania and its heart beats together with the sea, with annual summer Sea Festivals and biennial Tall Ships regattas, Sea Museum, and major stevedoring companies. Klaipėda has a beautiful Old Town, representing a unique architectural style of German origin. Ever since its establishment by the Teutonic Knights (as Memelburg) in the year 1252, the city was distinct from the rest of Lithuania. Germans ruled the city, as well as the surrounding area of Lithuania Minor.

The Klaipėda Sea Festival has taken place every year at the end of July for over seventy years. It is a very important celebration and traditional holiday of Klaipėda city. The festival attracts hundreds of thousands of people from all over Lithuania and abroad. This year the participants of the symposium will have the opportunity to enjoy the festival events from 23rd July.

Theme and Modes of Presentation

The symposium has two themes:

(1) Dance and Economy and (2) Dance Transmission.

Modes of presentation include individual papers, interactive presentations, panels, roundtables, posters and video/film presentations.

Symposium Registration Fee and Payment

Early bird registration till 17th June, 2021. The registration fee is the same for in-person and virtual participants

For individual researchers: 60 € For students: 40 €

Normal registration after 17th June, 2021.

For individual researchers: 75 € For students: 55 €

New Lower Registration Fees and Extended Early Bird Deadline!

The registration fee is the same for in-person and virtual participants, for presenters and non-presenters, to cover the additional costs for technical equipment and staff required for the hybrid symposium.

There are two ways of payment the registration fee:

1. Bank transfer

Bank: AB „Swedbank“
Beneficiary's Account number: LT74 7300 0100 0245 5540
Bank code: 7300
Swift code: HABALT22
Bank address: Konstitucijos pr. 20A, 03502 Vilnius, Lithuania
Beneficiary 's company name: Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater
Beneficiary's address: Gedimino Ave. 42, LT-01110 Vilnius, Lithuania
Details of payments: ICTM Symposium 2020 Klaipeda
The bank transfer charges must be covered by participants.
Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theater will not cover transaction fees

2. Payment on the spot

Payment on arrival is possible for those not having the possibility to use the bank transfer option. Prior acknowledgement and agreement are required (ictm2020klaipeda@gmail.com). The payment on the spot should be done in Euros. The registraation fee remains the saame. .

The symposium registration fee includes:

- symposium packet
- participation at presentations
- coffee breaks
- welcome reception
- technical support for virtual presenters and viewers
- sightseeing tour in Klaipeda

A full day **sightseeing tour to the Curonian Spit** is planned to be organized for a separate fee. It will include ferry from Klaipėda to Smiltynė, bus ride from Smiltynė to Nida, one-hour boat ride in Nida, visit to the Hill of Witches in Juodkrantė, Parnidžio Dune in Nida, Grey Dunes in Nida, Thomas Mann Museum in Nida, and lunch (optional). The Curonian Spit is a unique and vulnerable, sandy and wooded cultural landscape on a coastal spit that features small Curonian lagoon settlements. Human habitation of this elongated sand dune peninsula, 98 km long and 0.4-4 km wide, dates back to prehistoric times. The Curonian Spit was included into the World Heritage List in 2000.

The possibility of this sightseeing tour will depend on number of in-person participants and the situation in July. The preliminary price of the tour is:

The price with lunch included - 50 €
The price without lunch - 35 €

However, the price can change slightly in accordance to the number of participants.
Deadline for confirming participation in the excursion to Curonian Spit: to be updated.

Timeline

Deadline for submission of proposals: 1st November, 2019
Notification of acceptance: 18th January, 2020
Revised Deadline for early bird registration: **17th June, 2021**
Deadline for confirming the excursion to Curonian Spit: to be updated

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