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## The XIII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Egyptologists

# Invitation

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we cordially invite all Egyptologists from around the world to participate in the Thirteenth International Congress of Egyptologists (XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE) from August 6, 2023 to August 11, 2023 in Leiden, The Netherlands.

The XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE is organised by "Stichting Thirteenth International Congress of Egyptologists in Leiden", a foundation supported by Egyptologists from Leiden University (Section of Egyptology at the Leiden University Institute for Area Studies (LIAS), and the Leiden Papyrological Institute (LPI)), the Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO), and the National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden (RMO), under the auspices of the International Association of Egyptologists (IAE).

## Supporting Institutions



International Association  
of Egyptologists

[www.iae-egyptology.org](http://www.iae-egyptology.org)



Leiden University  
(Universiteit Leiden)

[www.universiteitleiden.nl/en](http://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en)



National Museum of Antiquities  
(Rijksmuseum van Oudheden)

[www.rmo.nl/en](http://www.rmo.nl/en)



The Netherlands Institute  
for the Near East

[www.nino-leiden.nl](http://www.nino-leiden.nl)



Leiden Papyrological Institute  
[www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities/papyrological-institute](http://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/humanities/papyrological-institute)



Leiden Institute for Area Studies  
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<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/nvic>



Pieterskerk Leiden

<https://pieterskerk.com/en>



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Association for  
Students of  
Egyptology

Association for Students of Egyptology (ASE)

<https://asegyptology.com>

## Scientific Committee

The scientific committee has been recruited from the organising institutions and from among colleagues who are associated with Leiden University or the RMO in some way. The University of Leuven has been invited to contribute its expertise as well.

Members of the scientific committee of the XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE are:

- Ben van den Bercken, MA  
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- Dr Rob Demarée (Leiden University)
- Prof.Dr Mark Depauw (KU Leuven)
- Dr Jacobus van Dijk (Groningen University)
- Dr Koen Donker van Heel (Leiden University, Papyrological Institute)
- Dr Maher Eissa (Fayoum University; PhD Leiden University)
- Dr Willem van Haarlem  
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- Dr Ben Haring (Leiden University)
- Dr Cisca Hoogendijk (Leiden University, Papyrological Institute)
- Prof.Dr Olaf Kaper (Leiden University)
- Helbertijn Krudop, MA  
(RMO, conservation department)
- Prof.Dr Dimitri Laboury  
(ULiège; Visiting Professor NINO)
- Dr Rita Lucarelli (University of California, Berkeley; PhD Leiden University)
- Dr Marleen De Meyer  
(NVIC and KU Leuven)
- Dr Miriam Müller (Leiden University)
- Dr René Preys  
(KU Leuven and University of Namur)
- Prof.Dr Maarten Raven (RMO)
- Dr Chris Reintges (CNRS; PhD Leiden University)
- Dr Ibrahim Saweros (Sohag University; PhD Leiden University)
- Dr Sarah Schrader (Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology)
- Dr Daniel Soliman (RMO)
- Dr Nico Staring (Leiden University; F.R.S.-FNRS, ULiège)
- Prof.Dr Yann Tristant (KU Leuven)
- Prof.Dr Miguel John Versluys (Leiden University, Faculty of Archaeology)
- Prof.Dr Jacques van der Vliet  
(Leiden University)
- Dr Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood  
(Textile Research Centre, Leiden)
- Dr René van Walsem (Leiden University)
- Dr.Habil. Lara Weiss (RMO)
- Prof.Dr Willeke Wendrich  
(UCLA; PhD Leiden University)
- Prof.Dr Harco Willems (KU Leuven)



## Organising Committee

Members of the Organising Committee of the XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE are:

- Prof. Dr Olaf E. Kaper (President), Leiden University
- Dr Miriam Müller (Treasurer), Leiden University
- Dr Nico Staring (Secretary), Leiden University/F.R.S.-FNRS, ULiège
- Dr Koen Donker van Heel, Papyrological Institute/Leiden University
- Fania M. Kruijf, MA, Leiden University
- Noha Mahran, Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC)
- Andrés Martín García de la Cruz, MA, NINO/Leiden University
- Dr Daniel Soliman, National Museum of Antiquities (RMO)
- Carolien H. van Zoest, MA, NINO/Leiden University

## Mission Statement

The XIII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Egyptologists (2023) has as its title “The future of Ancient Egypt”. It aims to reflect current scholarship and to open a dialogue on Egyptology in a wider sense. What is the place of ancient Egypt in contemporary society and academia and how can we keep the discipline relevant for the future? If we aim to move beyond its colonialist origins, while embracing inclusiveness and accessibility, how do we achieve this? How do we maintain standards of scholarship in the face of trends in university education and research bodies? And finally, how can Egyptologists around the globe connect with each other in an environment in which each colleague’s voice can be heard in equal measure?

The XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE will be foremost a platform to present the latest research in Egyptology, showcasing current and future research within its many branches and beyond. Contributors are invited to connect their research to the central questions of the congress as outlined above. In addition to individual contributions, the congress will provide the opportunity to address the central theme in separate panel discussions.

The XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE will adopt Arabic as one of the congress languages for the first time at an ICE outside Egypt. Most general information will be made available in English and Arabic, in recognition of the importance of Egyptian Egyptology and the changing scholarly landscape.

## Topics and Themes

Presentations or panel discussions on the following topics will be particularly welcomed at the XIII<sup>th</sup> ICE. These are, in alphabetical order:

- Climate and climate change in antiquity
- Digital Egyptology
- Egyptology and museology
- Egyptology and the dissemination of research
- Historiography of Egyptology
- (Illegal) trade in ancient Egyptian artefacts
- Inclusion and diversity in Egyptology
- Interdisciplinary research in Egyptology
- International reception of ancient Egypt
- Protecting ancient Egyptian heritage



## Programme

Saturday 5 August 2023	Early arrival and registration of participants
Sunday 6 August 2023	Registration of participants; plenary and festive opening session
Monday 7-Friday 11 August	Presentations and workshops (five parallel sessions at two different locations in the city centre), poster presentations
Thursday 10 August	Congress dinner
Friday 11 August	Presentations and workshops; plenary closing session

## Congress Venues

The congress venues are in the centre of Leiden – a small but vibrant city, home to the oldest university in the Netherlands and many museums. All venues are at easy walking distance from each other and from the central railway station.

### Rijksmuseum van Oudheden

On August 5 and 6, 2023, we welcome all participants to register in the entrance hall of the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden (National Museum of Antiquities). The Rijksmuseum van Oudheden holds one of the world's most important ancient Egyptian collections, and it will host a major exhibition during the time of the congress on the theme of Ancient Egypt in contemporary popular culture.

### Pieterskerk

The opening ceremony will be held in the Pieterskerk, in the centre of Leiden's monumental town centre. This building has been the central touchstone of Leiden for more than 900 years. The two keys of St. Peter's (Pieter) form the city of Leiden's coat of arms. The Pieterskerk was transformed from a Catholic church into a reformed church in the sixteenth century. Since 1976, the Pieterskerk serves as a non-religious meeting place of unique cultural-historical value. Next to the opening ceremony, we will host the congress dinner in the Pieterskerk.

### Stadsgehoorzaal

The Stadsgehoorzaal (Municipal Concert Hall) is a monumental venue in the historic centre, built in 1891 with a neo-Renaissance façade. Most of the regular sessions and the discussion sessions with large numbers of participants will be held at the Stadsgehoorzaal. Congress posters will be displayed at this location.

### Lipsius Building

Other regular sessions will be held at the Lipsius Building. This is the central building of Leiden University's Faculty of Humanities, in walking distance from the Stadsgehoorzaal. It is named after Justus Lipsius (1547-1606), philologist, philosopher, and humanist.



## Participants

Participants will represent the broadest range and highest standards of Egyptology. Presentations are welcomed in the form of a 20 minute paper or a congress poster. The required title for participants who want to present a paper or a poster is a Master's degree (MA).

To present a paper or a poster, participants must hold a valid membership of the **International Association of Egyptologists (IAE)**. To join or renew IAE membership, visit the website <https://www.iae-egyptology.org/how-to-join>.

Information about the format and layout of the posters will be announced in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circular.

## Abstract Submissions

Abstracts submitted for papers and posters must be no longer than 1800 characters including spaces. The title must not exceed 200 characters including spaces. The **congress languages** are English, Arabic, French, and German, but all abstracts must be submitted in English or Arabic only.

Please note that no translation services will be provided for the abstracts or the presentations themselves.

**The deadline for submitting paper abstracts is 1 October 2022.**

**The deadline for submitting poster abstracts is 1 October 2022 (early registration), with a late registration deadline on 31 May 2023.**

Peer review of submitted abstracts will determine acceptance and the results of the review will be communicated by 15 December 2022.

To submit an abstract, please complete the online registration form on the website at [www.ice2023.com](http://www.ice2023.com). Online registration starts on 6 August 2022.

## Registration

Anyone interested in the congress should register individually through the congress website: [www.ice2023.com](http://www.ice2023.com). Congress registration is divided into four sections: **speakers, poster presenters, attendees and booksellers**. Registration for poster presenters, attendees and booksellers is divided in early registration and late registration. For speakers and attendees, the congress differentiates between students and non-students. The congress considers students to be BA students, MA students and PhD students.

## Speakers

Attendees who wish to present a paper at the congress will submit an abstract of their paper when registering for the congress. The abstract should clearly indicate how the paper relates to a central theme of the congress as outlined in the mission statement. Registration will be confirmed once the paper has been accepted. The congress fee for speakers depends on whether the speaker is a non-student with the Egyptian nationality, a non-student without the Egyptian nationality, or a student regardless of nationality. Speakers who register as a student will be required to submit proof of university enrolment.



### Accepted speakers

- Present their paper at the congress;
- May submit their paper for the congress proceedings;
- May attend all plenary and parallel congress sessions;
- Receive free admittance to the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden;
- May register for the congress dinner.

### Poster presenters

Attendees who wish to present a poster at the congress will submit an abstract of their poster when registering for the congress. The abstract should clearly indicate how the poster relates to a central theme of the congress as outlined in the mission statement. Registration will be confirmed once the poster has been accepted. The congress fee for poster presenters depends on whether the presenter registers for early or late registration.

#### Accepted poster presenters

- Present their poster at the congress;
- May attend all plenary and parallel congress sessions;
- Receive free admittance to the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden;
- May register for the congress dinner.

### Attendees

Attendees visit the congress without presenting a paper or a poster. The congress fee for attendees depends on whether the attendee registers for early or late registration, and whether the attendee is a non-student with the Egyptian nationality, a non-student without the Egyptian nationality, or a student regardless of nationality. Attendees who register as a student will be required to submit proof of university enrolment.

#### Attendees

- May attend all plenary and parallel congress sessions;
- Receive free admittance to the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden;
- May register for the congress dinner.

### Booksellers

Booksellers and publishers can register for the congress and will be allocated a promotional stand and table. Booksellers have the opportunity to supply promotional materials to be inserted in the congress pack before 5 July 2023. The congress fee for booksellers depends on whether the bookseller registers for early or late registration and on the preferred size of the table (single, double or triple).

#### Booksellers

- May attend all plenary and parallel congress sessions;
- Receive free admittance to the Rijksmuseum van Oudheden;
- May register for the congress dinner.



## Dinner

The XIII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Egyptology will of course include the possibility of attending the congress dinner that will be held in the Pieterskerk on 10 August. When registering for the congress, all participants, attendees and booksellers can indicate whether they want to attend the dinner. There will be no option to register for the dinner separately or at a later date. With early registration, the price of the dinner will be only € 50 to € 75 per person, including drinks. The catering service will make available different dietary requirements: vegetarian, vegan or halal. The dinner will be a key event of the congress with ample opportunity for networking and socialising.

The dinner fee for **speakers** is € 50 for speakers with the Egyptian nationality and for students. The fee is € 75 for non-student speakers without the Egyptian nationality.

The dinner fee for **poster presenters** is € 50 with early registration and € 75 with late registration.

The dinner fee for **attendees** is € 50 at early registration and € 75 at late registration for all attendees who are students or who have the Egyptian nationality. The dinner fee is € 75 at early registration and € 100 at late registration for all attendees who are non-students and without the Egyptian nationality.

The dinner fee for **booksellers** is € 75 at early registration and € 100 at late registration.

## Fees and Payment Methods

	Early registration	Late registration
<b>Speakers</b>		
Non-student speaker (Egyptian nationality)	€ 150	Not applicable
Non-student speaker (Egyptian) + congress dinner	€ 200	Not applicable
Non-student speaker (non-Egyptian)	€ 250	Not applicable
Non-student speaker (non-Egyptian) + congress dinner	€ 325	Not applicable
Student speaker	€ 150	Not applicable
Student speaker + congress dinner	€ 200	Not applicable
<b>Poster presenters</b>		
Poster presenter	€ 150	€ 200
Poster presenter + congress dinner	€ 200	€ 275
<b>Attendees</b>		
Non-student attendee (Egyptian)	€ 100	€ 150
Non-student attendee (Egyptian) + congress dinner	€ 150	€ 225
Non-student attendee (non-Egyptian)	€ 175	€ 225
Non-student attendee (non-Egyptian) + congress dinner	€ 250	€ 325
Student attendee	€ 100	€ 150
Student attendee + congress dinner	€ 150	€ 225



Booksellers		
Single table	€ 500	€ 500
Single table + congress dinner	€ 575	€ 600
Double table	€ 750	€ 750
Double table + congress dinner	€ 825	€ 850
Triple table	€ 1000	€ 1000
Triple table + congress dinner	€ 1075	€ 1100
Insertion of flyer in congress pack; no attendance	€ 150	€ 150

All amounts are payable in Euro (€). The registration fee may be paid through a bank transfer or online by PayPal or credit card. Participants must pay all bank charges and online payment commissions.

For our colleagues in Egypt there will be an alternative payment method. The fee can be paid cash in Egyptian Pounds (£E) to the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC). To make use of this option, please read these points carefully:

- Send an email to [info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl) to make an appointment. In this email you must state your name and your own email address.
- An appointment can be made at the NVIC from Sunday to Thursday between 09:00 and 12:00.
- The NVIC is located at 1, Dr Mahmoud Azmi Street, Zamalek 11211, Cairo.
- The Early Registration fee must be paid to the NVIC before 28 February 2023.
- The Late Registration fee must be paid to the NVIC before 31 May 2023.
- Be aware that each month the NVIC fixes an exchange rate of the Euro (€) against the Egyptian Pound (£E). Therefore, the total amount that you are required to pay in Egyptian Pounds can fluctuate per month.

## Travelling to Leiden

The Netherlands is one of the most accessible countries in Europe, with its main hub Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, and the smaller Rotterdam-The Hague Airport. Leiden is located close to the cities of Amsterdam and The Hague as well as Rotterdam. The city is easily accessible also by international train services and by bus connections from all directions. Amsterdam Schiphol Airport can be reached in only 15 minutes by train.

## Accommodation

Approximately 3000 hotel rooms are available in Leiden and the wider region. Finding accommodation will be your own responsibility. Please be aware that rooms in Leiden proper can reach incredibly high price points the longer you wait to book a room, because of the tourist season. We advise you to look at accommodation in Leiden's wider region as these might be significantly cheaper; the centre of Leiden can be easily reached from the wider region.

Suggested towns in the vicinity of Leiden with a railway connection are **The Hague** (10 minutes journey), **Amsterdam** (35 min.) and **Rotterdam** (35 min.). Smaller towns with a bus connection



to Leiden are **Noordwijk** (only 30 minutes, with many beach hotels), **Katwijk**, **Oegstgeest**, **Voorschoten**, and **Leiderdorp**. If you find accommodation close to Leiden, you could also think of renting a bicycle (c. € 48 for 7 days at [www.easyfiets.nl/en/bike-rental/home](http://www.easyfiets.nl/en/bike-rental/home)).

Not sure about public transportation routes and/or travel times to Leiden from your accommodation? Plan your trips at [www.9292.nl/en](http://www.9292.nl/en).

To search for accommodation online, keep in mind that besides websites like [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) and [www.google.com/travel](http://www.google.com/travel), there are options such as [www.airbnb.nl](http://www.airbnb.nl) and [www.couchsurfing.com](http://www.couchsurfing.com). Online reservations for hotels can be made only one year in advance, and for earlier bookings the hotels may need to be contacted directly.

## Visa

Colleagues and students with the Egyptian nationality can apply for a visa to the Netherlands at **VFS Global**. Please note that neither the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo (NVIC) nor the Dutch Embassy in Cairo can take care of your visa procedure. It is advised to apply for a visa 10 weeks in advance. Any questions regarding your visa to the Netherlands should be directed to VFS Global. Applying for a visa is a long process but can be achieved by carefully following these points:

- Visit the VFS Global website at <https://www.vfsglobal.com/en/individuals/index.html>.
- Indicate that the country you are applying from is Egypt and the country of destination is the Netherlands.
- Select 'Take Me To The Website', which brings you to the webpage of the VFS Visa Application Centre for the Netherlands in Egypt.
- Select 'start now' under 'Apply for a visa'. VFS Global offers a step-by-step guide to walk you through the process of the visa application. Please go through these steps very carefully.
- Choose the visa type appropriate for your application. To attend the congress only, you require a short-stay visa.
- Please prepare your documents. Fill in the online application form and ensure you provide all the required documents as mentioned in the VFS Global checklist.
- Book an appointment with the Visa Application Centre.
- Visit the Visa Application Centre and make sure to show up to the appointment 15 minutes in advance. You will be required to submit your passport at the Centre for the duration of the procedure.
- After a decision has been made on your visa application, you can pick up your documents and your passport from the Visa Application Centre. This normally takes no more than 15 days. If you have received a Schengen visa previously, the process may be quicker.
- The service fee of The Visa Application Centre in Cairo is currently £E 455. This amount can be paid cash or with a credit/debit card.
- The Visa Application Centre is located at: 52, Lebanon Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mohandiseen, Giza, Egypt. The opening hours are from Sunday to Thursday between 09:00 and 12:00.
- You can contact VFS Global by email at [info.nleg@Vfshelpline.com](mailto:info.nleg@Vfshelpline.com) or by phone at (+2) 02 21600052.



## Important dates

6 August 2022	Registration opens
1 October 2022	Deadline for submitting paper abstracts and poster abstracts
1 December 2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> Circular
15 December 2022	Results of peer review of paper presentations
28 February 2023	Deadline for early registration
31 May 2023	Deadline for late registration Late deadline for submitting poster abstracts
1 July 2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> Circular with complete programme and final announcements

For more detailed information and updates visit the congress website at [www.ice2023.com](http://www.ice2023.com).

Secretariat's email: [ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:ice2023@hum.leidenuniv.nl)

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