



28th Congress of the Rei Cretariae Romanae Fautores

FROM BROKEN POTTERY TO LOST IDENTITY IN ROMAN TIMES

**Catania (Italy)
23 - 30 September 2012**

Convened by:

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FIRST CIRCULAR

Dear Fautores, Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are very happy and honoured to inform you that the 28th Congress of the Rei Cretariae Romanae Fautores, organized by D. Malfitana of the *Istituto per i Beni Archeologici e Monumentali* of the Italian National Research Council (CNR) and his équipe, will take place in Catania (Sicily, Italy) from 23 to 28 September 2012.

The central theme of the venue is: "**FROM BROKEN POTTERY TO LOST IDENTITY IN ROMAN TIMES**". We would like to invite the participants in the conference to consider how their studied assemblages of Roman pottery are informative on aspects of ancient (group/regional/social) identity.

After the impressive experience of the International Colloquium *Old pottery in a new century. Innovating perspectives on Roman pottery Studies* held in Catania in April 2004, studies and research on Roman pottery are now returning to Sicily.

In the meantime, *Facta. A Journal of Roman material culture studies*, a peer-reviewed journal, founded by the organizer together with colleagues J. Poblome and J. Lund, was launched in 2007, creating a new forum for investigating the material culture of our beloved Roman world (made up, of course, to a large degree of broken pots) and for defining models for reconstructing ancient societies.

Participation is open to every scholar, not only to members of the RCRF (max. 200 participants, with priority given to Fautores). Some financial assistance will be available for those who would otherwise be prevented from attending.

The congress sessions will be accompanied by visits to various archaeological sites and museums, the details of which are still under negotiation (Morgantina, archaeological site and museum of Aidone; Roman Villa in Piazza Armerina; Syracuse, archaeological site and museum; Centuripe, ancient town and museum), as well as Catania (ancient theatre) and S. Venera al Pozzo (archaeological area in the surroundings of Catania).

We plan hands-on exhibitions/displays of Roman pottery found in Sicily.

A post-congress two-day trip to visit Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta and Palermo will be organized.

Arrivals are expected on Sunday (23 September) and for those participating in the post-congress tour departure will be on Sunday (30 September, late afternoon).

The length of lectures is restricted to 15 minutes. As the number of lectures is limited, we ask you to prepare a poster instead of a lecture whenever possible. There will be sufficient space and time for posters. No participant should give more than one lecture or poster. We ask you to offer papers in conformity with the theme of the congress although papers on other topics will be accepted.

The congress languages will be English, Italian, French, German and Spanish.

Lectures will take place in the Auditorium "G. De Carlo" of the Faculty of Classics of the University of Catania, Piazza Dante 32, Catania. The auditorium will be furnished with slide projection, overhead-projection and PowerPoint. Participants are kindly encouraged to use PowerPoint presentations.

The organizers will offer suitable information to participants so that they can book hotels near the meeting place in the heart of Catania (travel expenses, accommodation and post-Congress trip are NOT covered by the Congress fee). This will be available on the web site of the Congress from mid-September 2011 onwards. Catania can easily be reached by airplane; the international airport is at a distance of approximately 6 km. and there are frequent shuttle-services, bus and taxi to the centre of Catania.

If you wish to participate, please complete the registration form which accompanies this announcement and send it via e-mail or air mail to the permanent contact address, or fill in the electronic form on the web site **before 30 November 2011.**

Financial support in the form of a small number of grants may be available from the RCRF Trust in order to help those who would otherwise be prevented by financial hardship from attending the congress. Grants will generally be confined to the congress fee, but may exceptionally cover accommodation and travel costs in addition. The intention is to make it possible (rather than comfortable) for grant recipients to attend: accommodation costs will therefore be awarded on the scale of simple hostel accommodation and travel will be expected to be the cheapest obtainable. Grants are NOT intended to enable recipients to take part in any optional post-congress excursion.

A second circular with further details will be forwarded in February 2012 only those who are registered.

Please copy this circular and pass it on to any interested colleagues and students or display it.

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Registration Form

Title (Mr./Ms./Prof./Dr.)

Family Name

First name

Address Street

Zip-Code..... Town

Country

Telephone/Fax

E-mail

Institution

Lecture (15 min) or poster: *(Please delete as appropriate)*

Title.....

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Congress fee: is expected to be around EUR 300/330 (it will cover: congress programme, attendance at sessions, midday meal, excursions which take place during the congress including lunch bag, abstract volume; it does NOT include travel expenses, accomodation and the post-Congress trip).

I am interested to join the post-congress excursion (2 days) to Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, Palermo:

YES / NO (final cost will be announced in the second circular)

Please send me a form to ask for financial support: YES / NO

(Help will generally be available to cover local costs, not for travel)

Please send this form **by 30 November 2011** to

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