

A call for applications for the international conference

3rd ARCHIVAL CONGRESS in BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Hotel "San" Laktaši, 5–7 June 2019

The Organizing Committee of the 3rd Archival Congress in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Archival Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina are convening the third congress of archival professionals and scholars in a 3-day conference. Next to paper presentations divided in three thematic sessions, the congress will also feature other events. The congress location is the Hotel "San" in the town of Laktaši. The dates are 5th to 7th June 2019, Wednesday to Friday, several days before the International Archives Day. The three themes and their conceptual framework are these:

1. Archives and education

Given the fact that the previous two decades have seen a global upsurge in the development of information studies – including archivistics, library science and other related disciplines – the professional archival community in Southeast Europe has come to realize it has yet to follow in pursuit of this development. With this subject, we are opening a discussion on the development of archival science as an academic field, the position of archival institutions and associations in these processes, the perspectives of archival studies in higher education etc. The session will also be open for presentations relating to education in general, including professional training, interinstitutional cooperation, or connections between archives and other sciences.

2. Records on and from Bosnia and Herzegovina beyond its borders

Although archival records are marked with strict context stemming from its provenance, their content often stretches beyond institutional and state boundaries, while their simple physicality makes them prone to virtually unlimited movement. Records created in one country can be taken away, displaced, hidden — sometimes even in order for them to be saved. On the other hand, records created and/or accumulated in other countries can hold crucial information about others. This session will open a discussion on records created in Bosnia and Herzegovina which are no longer there, and on the records created elsewhere but pertaining to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

3. Archives in the post-truth era

The term "post-truth" has been declared the international word of the year 2016 by the Oxford Dictionaries. The proliferation of fake news, the 24-hour news cycles, internet-based information gathering and a global decadence of political culture have marked our era as the age of the spin. Alongside the issue of the role of archives and archivists in the times of mass dissemination and accumulation of false information, we are opening the floor to discuss other key questions. What were the previous archival experiences with imposed truths and given ideological hegemonies? What was the role of the archivists in changing dominant historical narratives? Finally, can archivists be neutral professionals in a modern society?

The applications must be composed of following elements:

- Name and surname
- Town/City and country
- Institutional or organization affiliation
- Title of the presentation
- 200-to-300-word abstract

Applications should be submitted in a simple email form to: vladanv@live.com

Deadline for submission of applications: **31 March 2019**

Besides local languages, English is also the official language of the conference. The Program Committee will notify applicants that their message was received, and chosen presenters will be notified by April 20th at latest. The presenters are expected to prepare a visual (PowerPoint) presentation. There is no conference fee for presenters.

Those presenting in English will be asked to submit a textual version of their presentation for the purpose of translation, which will be shown on screen during their talk.

Final papers will be also accepted in English.

The congress location is the Hotel "San" in the town of Laktaši. The Banjaluka International Airport is located nearby and the town is situated next to the freeway connecting to Croatia. If you are not in the meantime otherwise instructed by the organizers, the participants are encouraged to contact the hotel directly for bookings, via phone +38751532256 or email repcija@termelaktasi.com

The participants will be notified in time with all important information and updates.

Until June 2019

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