

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS  
**ENIGMATIC TABLETS**

*AN ANCIENT INTERACTION PROCESS IN EUROPE*

Cavriana (MN – Italy) – 16/18 September 2010

**Call for Papers**

For the first time in the history of archaeology an international congress will take place focusing on the topic of enigmatic tablets.

The term “enigmatic tablet” refers to a class of finds represented by small clay or stone objects, oval or rectangular in shape, dating back to the Early-middle Bronze Age (circa 2100-1400 BC), with mysterious symbols impressed and/or engraved on them. The distribution of these objects covers a geographic area that stretches from Lake Garda in Italy to the Carpathian and South-Danube territory.

Our understanding of the precise meaning of the symbols has been hampered by the relative scarcity of finds and by the lack of a detailed data base. Thanks to the efforts of a group of archaeologists the Cavriana Museum has investigated more than 300 of these tablets up until now, all found in different regions in Europe. We have completed a database that will be published on-line on 4 September 2010.

We are now pleased to announce an International Congress “ENIGMATIC TABLETS - AN ANCIENT INTERACTION PROCESS IN EUROPE” – to be held from September 16 – 18, 2010 in Cavriana (Mantua), Italy, “MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO ALTO MANTOVANO”.

The aim of the Congress is to provide an opportunity for researchers to discuss the enigmatic tablets and the common basic code underlying their symbols.

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## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Registration for the congress, as well as presentation of a report, paper or poster, incurs a fee of 50.00 Euro – for each author. In the case of works with several authors the fee is payable for each author. Payment must be made by 30 April 2010. If the intervention should be cancelled by the author/authors no refund will be given.

For those attending by invitation, registration is automatic and free of charge.

If you should wish to participate with a report, paper or poster you should present the title and a brief summary by no later than 15 March 2010, and an abstract in English by 15 April 2010.

## **ABSTRACTS**

The text, in English, should be sent by e-mail in Word or PDF format (font – Garamond, font size - 12, spacing - 0, single line spacing) and should contain:

- A title (in capital letters) that clearly indicates the nature of the investigation
- The authors' names (full first names, family names) and places of work (institution, city, country)
- Minimum 400 and max. 800 words;
- Abbreviations should be avoided in titles, but may be used in the text if they are defined at first usage.

## **Abstract Submission System.**

1. All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Program Committee of the INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS - ENIGMATIC TABLETS. Reviewing results and a notice of acceptance/ rejection will be announced, by email, to the corresponding authors by 30 April 2010.
2. Instructions for oral/ poster presentation will be sent to presenting authors of the accepted abstracts.
3. Presenting authors must then register and pay the registration fees.

You will receive an email acknowledgement of each abstract submission. If you DO NOT RECEIVE an email acknowledging submission, please contact:

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

18 reports by invitation and/or free (max 5) and short papers (no. to be defined) are foreseen and can be presented in Italian, German and English. Reports must not exceed 20' plus 5' for discussion. Papers must not exceed 10'. Simultaneous translation is foreseen for Italian/German and German/Italian.

Technical assistance will be available in the conference hall. We invite you to let us know beforehand if you will be using presentation systems that are different to MPP.

As far as publication of Records is concerned, publishing instructions will be provided in the near future.

Texts must be sent by 15 January 2011.

## **POSTERS**

Poster abstracts may be submitted. Approximately 25 posters will be accepted for presentation.

Posters will be printed by their authors and brought to the Congress. The entire poster can have a maximum size of 90 cm high x 70 wide (portrait). No other formal restriction is applied.

## **REGISTRATION**

Different participation methods and fees are foreseen:

- a) registration and congress materials, € 50.00.- if by 30/6/2010; € 70.00.- if after that date;
- b) students € 30.00 - registration and congress materials;
- c) registration, congress materials, 2 buffet, abstracts, € 80.00.- if by 30/6/2010; € 110.00.- if after that date;
- d) registration, congress materials, 2 buffet, abstracts, dinner, congress records, € 130,00.- if by the 30/6/2010; € 160.00.- if after that date.

For those attending by invitation, registration is automatic and free of charge.

### **The corresponding fee must be paid into Current Account**

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Those participants that are duly registered may benefit from the special conditions applied by participating hotels

For more details on the congress please visit our website:

[www.tavoletteenigmatiche.it](http://www.tavoletteenigmatiche.it)

Should you have any questions, remarks, enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the organizers:

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Best wishes