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4th Circular

19 August 2007

Meeting points

Those staying at Pollock Halls who would like to meet together before the conference are invited to go to the Centro Bar in the John Macintyre Centre between **6.30 and 7.30 pm on Monday 27 August** and look out for familiar faces or the DHS sign.

The conference will take place in George Square as detailed in the programme sent earlier. It opens with registration at **9.05-9.30 am on Tuesday 28 August** in Room G.11 in the William Robertson Building on the East side of George Square. This is near a tall black building called the David Hume Tower.

The walk from Pollock Halls to George Square may take about 15-20 minutes.

Registration

The conference fee is payable at registration, unless you have paid in advance or are benefitting from a special funding arrangement. The fee is normally £90 but a rebate is given to those who have already paid a 2007 subscription (i.e. members of the Traditional Cosmology Society) and the reduced fee for TCS members is £75. Please note that the conference has no facilities for receiving credit-card payments and so you are asked to pay cash.

Conference

The language of the conference is English, for both papers and discussion. If a PowerPoint presentation is being used, it should be brought on a USB stick or CD. In addition, as a precaution, it can be sent beforehand to me as an email attachment if desired. I am aware that some of the topics being covered are vast, but, as very large presentations can give rise to computer trouble (and in any case cannot be shown effectively in the time-slots available), I'd like to ask you to consider paring down your material in advance of the meeting if you are in the position of having a large bank of it to draw on.

Dinner

The conference dinner will immediately follow the close of the last session and will be in an Indian restaurant five minutes' walk from George Square at 5.15 pm on Thursday, 30 August.

Information about travel in Edinburgh

I give first information distributed by **Pollock Halls**, some of which has a general relevance. The full address of the site is: The Pollock Halls of Residence, 18 Holyrood Park Road, Edinburgh EH16 5AY. You will find the Reception Centre on the left shortly after you enter from Holyrood Park Road.

By Bus

From St. Andrews Bus Station, take a taxi to Pollock Halls, cost approx. £5, a 5-10 minute journey, or proceed to Princes Street, on the shop side heading East, take a bus (£1, exact change only) to the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Dalkeith Road (numbers: 2, 14, 30, 33, 86). From here, Pollock Halls is a short walk down Holyrood Park Road.

By Air

From Edinburgh Airport, for 2 or more passengers, we recommend a taxi for the 8 mile journey to Pollock Halls (cost approx. £17-20). Or take the Airport Shuttle Bus (Adult: £5 open return, £3 single) to the city terminal on Waverley Bridge. From here take a taxi, cost approx. £5, a 5-10 minute journey, or proceed to North Bridge and from the Carlton Hotel bus stop, take a bus (£1, exact change only) to the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Dalkeith Road (numbers: 2, 14, 30, 33, 86). From here, Pollock Halls is a short walk down Holyrood Park Road.

By Rail

From Edinburgh's main railway station - Waverley, take a taxi to Pollock Halls, cost approx. £5, a 5-10 minute journey, or proceed to North Bridge and from the Carlton Hotel bus stop, take a bus (£1 exactly) to the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Dalkeith Road (numbers: 2, 14, 30, 33, 86). From here, Pollock Halls is a short walk down Holyrood Park Road.

From Centre

From Princes Street, on the shop side heading East, take a bus (£1, exact change only) to the Royal Commonwealth Pool, Dalkeith Road (numbers: 2, 14, 30, 33, 86). From here, Pollock Halls is a short walk down Holyrood Park Road.

By Road

From the A720 City of Edinburgh Bypass, take A7 Old Dalkeith Road exit at the Sheriffhall Roundabout towards the City Centre. Continue straight for approximately 3 miles. Just past the Royal Commonwealth Pool, turn right onto Holyrood Park Road. Pollock Halls is the second turning on the right.

Arrival and getting about in Edinburgh

If you arrive at Edinburgh Airport and have any queries, just turn left immediately you emerge from customs and you will find a tourist shop with an information counter, where you can obtain a free map as well as any advice you need.

Details of taxis and the Airport Shuttle Bus are given above. It is usual to give a tip of about 10 per cent to the taxi driver. On the normal city buses, one journey by bus of any distance costs £1. Place a £1 coin or equivalent in the slot near the driver and take a ticket when it emerges from another slot. No change is given. Many distances in central Edinburgh are quite walkable. Worth noting is the point that city bus No 35 runs to and from the airport, though it takes a roundabout route. This is probably not so useful on arrival but anyone travelling light who is departing directly from the conference in the George Square area will find it quite convenient to use the bus-stop nearby. The timetable will be available at the conference.

Car parking in the George Square area

If you plan to use a car in the George Square area during the conference, please let me know straight away so that arrangements can be made for you to have a university parking permit.

Currency

This is the pound sterling (GBP). As some Scottish banks issue their own bank notes and these are widely used, do not be surprised if you receive Scottish notes. Be warned, however, that you will find it difficult or impossible to exchange these for other currencies once you have left Great Britain, so, if you are carrying British currency away with you, make sure you have Bank of England notes.

Weather

It can be hot in August but it is more likely to be cool (or even cold), and possibly raining also. Bring warm clothing. You may want to check the weather on the web before travelling. Michael Witzel is predicting: For the conference days only 16-18 C = 60-64 F, and cooler at night: 13-14 C = 56-57 F.

Book display and journal sale

We expect to have a book display in the meeting room on the first day of the conference, and you are welcome to bring items to add to the display. On the second day, before, during and after the Reception, selected back issues of *Cosmos* will be on sale at a special conference price. Please note also that you are welcome to request gift copies for deposit in your home libraries, if you can take these away with you.

Publication of papers

Submission date: 30 September 2007.

As previously announced, all the papers will be considered for either *The Journal of Indo-European Studies* (if the paper has its focus in this area) or for *Cosmos*. Dean Miller, who may be consulted during the conference, will be sub-editing the Indo-European submissions, and I will be editing a *Cosmos* double issue devoted to papers from this conference. In both cases, the Harvard style of surname, date and page number cited in the text with an alphabetically ordered list of references at the end should be employed. Both journals also have endnotes not footnotes. It would be helpful if previous journal issues are consulted and followed for details of presentation. Generally, it is expected that the articles submitted will correspond in length to what has been given orally at the conference. Anyone wishing to contribute a much longer piece should consult with the relevant editor. Dean Miller asks for hard copy to be sent in the first instance to him at: 10848 S. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL 60643, USA. For *Cosmos*, emailed submission (to e.lyle@ed.ac.uk) is encouraged. Hard copy will also be required at a later stage if the paper includes special characters, although it should be noted that transliteration is preferred where feasible and that all Cyrillic should be converted to Roman letters. Illustrations may also be submitted electronically (scanning at 300 dpi and jpgs are preferred, but other formats can probably be handled also). *Cosmos* 23 (2007) is the official conference publication and will be sent to all participants. Contributors to it will also receive 20 offprints. Contributors to *The Journal of Indo-European Studies* will receive the journal issue and a pdf file from which copies may be run off.

If you have any queries about the conference, please do get in touch.

I look forward to welcoming you.

Emily Lyle, Conference Organiser

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