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International Congresses of Slavists

The series of International Congresses of Slavists are a legend and a landmark in the recent history of Slavic Studies. This is the largest and most representative Slavic international conference with a comparative and historical focus in the areas of linguistics, literary studies and folklore. It is the forum at which many remarkable research outcomes were reported and continue to be reported.

The previous congresses took place in Prague (1929, 1968), Warsaw (1934, 1973), Moscow (1958), Sofia (1963, 1988), Zagreb and Ljubljana (1978), Kiev (1983), Bratislava (1993), Krakow (1998), Ljubljana (2003), Ohrid (2008) and Minsk (2013). You will notice the absence of Serbia among the Slavic countries hosting Congress. It was scheduled in Belgrade in 1939 but was cancelled because of the onset of World War 2. So, the next 16th International Congresses of Slavists, to take place on August 20-27, 2018, for the first time in Belgrade, stands out and takes on a symbolic meaning.

The Congress website is being constantly updated and can be accessed at <http://www.fil.bg.ac.rs/lang/sr/centri-i-instituti/mks/#top>. The information for US participants in the Belgrade 2018 Congress is available here: <http://slavic.fas.harvard.edu/pages/xv-international-congress-slavists>.

Each country has traditionally published its contributions ahead of time in volumes dedicated to Congress that showcase its achievements in the area of Slavic Studies. You can find electronic copies of the Soviet/Russian contributions to Congress here: <http://nkslav.ru/library/slavyanskoe-yazykoznanie/>. The American contributions have been published by Slavica Publishers Inc. and before that by De Gruyter Mouton.

The venue for publication of the Canadian contributions to Congress has been our journal *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, where they pass through the usual process of peer review. One must be a member of the Canadian Association of Slavists in order to publish in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*. We have now issued a third call for papers and will be accepting abstracts until **December 1, 2016**. In order to make the deadline for publication in the special issue of *Canadian Slavonic Papers* 60/1-2, scheduled to appear around June 30, 2018, prospective participants in Congress must submit their papers for peer review to csp@ualberta.ca no later than **March 15, 2017**.

All inquiries and proposals from interested Canadian scholars should be directed to Dr. Olga Mladenova, Canadian Representative at the International Committee of Slavists, at omladeno@ucalgary.ca.

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