

Life, loves, and other climatic disorders



4th INTERNATIONAL BYRON CONFERENCE
PARIS, 4-7 JULY 2016

Venue

The conference will be hosted by the Fondation Del Duca, which is part of the "Institut de France". It is located in the western part of Paris, close to the Parc Monceau (200 m from the Métro station "Courcelles") and 1 km from the Arc de Triomphe (about fifteen minute's walking distance from the Métro station "Etoile").

Schedule

Participants will be welcome on Monday 4 July, from 1.30 pm. The academic conference will take place in the next three and a half days, from Monday 2.30 pm to Thursday 5 pm after the Assembly General Meeting or 11.00 pm after the closing event.

On Monday afternoon, the welcome speeches and the first plenary sessions will be followed by a cocktail at the Fondation. On Tuesday 5 July, after a full conference day (9:30 am to 5:30 pm, with buffet lunch), we will be welcomed by the Delacroix Museum (from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm). On Wednesday 6, the full conference day will be followed by a concert at the Institut Hongrois. The academic part of the Conference will come to an end on Thursday 7 with a farewell dinner on the river Seine.

The academic conference fee is **350 euros**. It includes participation in all academic sessions at the Fondation Del Duca, the welcome cocktail on Monday, the buffet lunches on Tuesday and Thursday, the farewell dinner, the visit at the Delacroix Museum and the concert on Wednesday night. Dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday and lunch on Wed are free.

Accommodation

Accommodation possibilities in Paris are varied and plentiful. Nevertheless, there is no cheap possibility to host a large group in one single location or even in few locations reasonably close to the venue. You will find here below a selection of accommodation places, ranging from beautiful youth hostels to nice small hotels close to the venue. An international sport event taking place in France at the same period (UEFA Euro 2016, a major football event after the FIFA World Cup) will make the competition harsh to get convenient accommodation, and we suggest that you book as early as possible, even a preliminary booking.

Here below are several suggestions.

At ca 1.5 km to the East-North-East, at a 3 mn's walking distance from the métro station Rome, line 2 (3 stations distant from the Courcelles station, close to the Fondation Del Duca), or 15-20 mn's walking distance to the venue, the Organising Committee suggests three nice hotels with reasonable prices :

Hôtel Berne Opéra ***
37 rue de Berne
75 008 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 43 87 08 92
hotelberneopera@regetel.com

Hôtel Cervantes ***
19 rue de Berne
75 008 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 43 87 55 77
reservations@hotelcervantesparis.com

Hôtel Astoria Opéra ***
42 rue de Moscou
75 008 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 42 93 63 53
hotel.astoria@astotel.com

In the same direction, to the North, ca 1 km from the venue:

Hôtel Jardin de Villiers ***
18 rue Claude Pouillet
75 017 Paris
Tél.: + 33 (0) 1 42 67 15 60
hotel@jardindevilliers.com

Closer to the venue, at ca 300 m, an old Parisian style « family hotel »:

Hôtel Méderic **
4 rue Méderic
75 017 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 47 63 69 13
hotelmederic@gmail.com

To the West (ca 1 km from the venue):

Hôtel Niel ***
11 rue Saussier Leroy
75 017 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 42 27 99 29
hotelniel.arcdetriomphe@wanadoo.fr

Higher standard and lots of charm:

Villa Alessandra ****
9 place Boulnois
75 017 Paris
Tél.: +33 (0) 1 56 33 24 24
alessandra@leshotelsdeparis.com

For students and anyone agreeing to share toilets (and possibly rooms) and to travel back and forth between the historical heart of Paris and the western part of the city, a very good solution is to book at the 'MIJE', a network of three beautiful Youth Hostels in the Marais area, close to Saint-Paul métro station, on line 1 direct to 'Etoile', with an additional 15 mn's walk to reach the venue ; or with a change at Etoile and two more stops on line 2 to 'Courcelles' ; all in all, 35 minutes approximately.

<http://www.mije.com/en/auberge-jeunesse-paris>

The tariff is set up until summer 2016. It is valid for members only: you will then have to buy the annual membership card, for 2,50 euros (two euros fifty cents). Here it is:

- Room for 4 (4 beds): 33.50 euros per person and per night
- Room for 3 (3 beds): 35.50 euros per person and per night
- Double room: 82 euros for the room (for 2 persons i.e. 41 euros per person per night)
- Single room: 55 euros (limited availabilities)

On all these prices, a 0.82 euro/night (tax) shall be added.

M. Carvalho will answer queries and take bookings.

Another option is to get in touch with the Fondation Hellénique at the Cité Universitaire and apply for a room:

<http://www.ciup.fr/fondation-hellenique/>

Some rooms should be available at the end of the academic year (the week before the conference); the Fondation Hellénique promised to consider applications for the duration of the Byron conference in a positive way, but rooms' availability cannot be confirmed before April.

Excursion after the conference: Geneva, Chillon, Chamonix, 8-10 July

On 8-10 July, the three days immediately following the academic conference, the participants who have time and resources (up to a total number of 50) are welcome to an excursion to the Alps in Byron's footsteps.

On Friday 8 July, the fast speed train ('TGV' is the French acronym) will take the group to Geneva, 540 km away, where we will be picked up by a coach to go to Cologny, in the outskirts of the city. There, after a buffet lunch, we will visit the temporary exhibition 'Frankenstein, created from darkness' at the Fondation Bodmer (especially organised for the 1816 anniversary), and its rich permanent collection. Then, we will walk to the 'pré Byron', close to villa Diodati, where we will enjoy the magnificent view over the lake. The coach will then take us to Evian, where we will spend the night.

On Saturday 9 July, the coach will take us to Saint-Gingolph, at the French-Swiss border, where we will board a boat so as to sail to the castle of Chillon as Byron and Shelley did. In Chillon, we will visit the castle, from the dungeon where Bonivard was detained as a prisoner to the top of the keep; we will visit the exhibition prepared by the Fondation de Chillon for the event: 'Byron is back!', and we will also enjoy a lecture and the reading of Byron's poem. In the afternoon, the coach will take us across the 'High Alps', over two passes, to Chamonix, at the foot of Mont-Blanc, where we will spend the night. – As a reminder, Chamonix is the only location Byron visited in today's France.

On Sunday 10, early morning, we will take the cog-railway to the Montanvers. If the weather is dark, cloudy and rainy, we will see Dr Frankenstein frantically chasing his creature across the glacier; if it happens to be a fine day, we will enjoy one of the most picturesque mountain views in the Alps. We will then (without any help from a chamois hunter) take the railway back to Chamonix, the coach back to the valley and to Geneva, and the train back to Paris, where we will arrive in the late afternoon.

The number of participants in the excursion is limited to the capacity of one coach, i.e. **50 persons**.

The price per person is **495 euros**. It is "all inclusive": return ticket Paris-Geneva by fast speed train, coach from Geneva to Geneva via Evian, Chillon and Chamonix, boat from Saint-Gingolph to Chillon, cog railway over Chamonix, three lunches, two dinners, two hotel nights and continental breakfasts, and all visits (Fondation Bodmer in Cologny, castle of Chillon, Montanvers over Chamonix).

Payments

We are trying to find an acceptable solution for electronic payment, but so far, all the solutions would make the conference fee 5% higher.

Payments should therefore be made by Bank transfer on the following account:

IBAN : FR76 1027 8065 0000 0200 5590 189

BIC : CMCIFR2A

Or by cheque in Euro from a bank of the Eurozone.

Full payment should be made by 15 April.

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