

Call for papers

IPH Congress 2018 – BELGIUM / GENTH September 19-23

The 34th IPH biennial Congress will take place 19th to 23rd of September in Belgium as retained at the General Assembly in Valencia. Genth will be the hosting city where the Belgian IPH members look forward to welcome you all.

The provisional program is as follows:

19th September: arrival and opening sessions

20th till 22nd September: presentations and visits

23rd September: conclusion and closing

Where the focus at the meetings in Valencia and Italy was on the period before the 18th century, the focus in Genth will be on **“The industrial age of paper and the potentials of industrial archeology to write modern paper history”**.

To support this congress theme two visits are planned. The first one goes to the most modern paper factory in Belgium, which is known for working with recycled fibres. Contrasting with this high-tech company a visit is planned to the **Herisem mill** – an active museum and example of the first industrial paper making. But we have also provided a link with the congress in Valencia as Belgium detains a treasure from the 13th century.

The period focused on is known for numerous questions concerning impact of chemistry, coating of paper, loss of varieties, etc. Preserving coated thermal, auto copy papers are major concerns and need our focus. Besides all these difficulties we can also put the question how to write the history of modern paper production and trade with loads of big data and the electronic formats in which they are stored. These are only a few ideas.

The organizers will as it is common practice select a limited number of presentations on topics not within the main focus of the congress.

We would also like to welcome presentations from people that meet the problems of saving, conserving and storing of modern data to have the possibility for writing their story of the future.

In order to plan the lectures, we herewith invite those who would like to present a lecture to send before the end of December a short content of their presentation to the organizers at the following address:

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Besides the short presentation following elements are required:

Full address + telephone + e-mail

Title of the presentation

After December 31st 2017 all those who introduced a proposal will be contacted.