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Dear colleagues and friends,

the Egyptian Department and the Diagnostic Laboratory for Conservation and Restoration of the Musei Vaticani, in collaboration with all the team of the *Vatican Coffin Project*, are pleased to invite you to attend the 'Second Vatican Coffin Conference'.

The *Vatican Coffin Project* itself is the impulse for this conference. The following have been cooperating in this Project for several years: Musée du Louvre in Paris, Rijksmuseum van Oudheden in Leiden, Museo Egizio in Turin, Centre de Recherche et de Restauration des Musées de France, Centro Conservazione e Restauro 'La Venaria Reale' in Turin, Victoria Asensi Amoros (Xylodata in Paris).

### **Scientific Committee**

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### **Organization**

Musei Vaticani, Event Dept. and Web Dept.



## Website

[www.museivaticani.va](http://www.museivaticani.va)

## Themes

The themes of the conference focus on decorated wooden coffins, with no time restriction:

- Funerary practices, iconography, symbolism, ideology, technology
- Conservation
- Diagnostic and technologies applied to the study of decorated wooden coffins

## Registration and Fee

The registration form can be found on the Musei Vaticani website: [www.museivaticani.va](http://www.museivaticani.va)

Registration forms must be submitted electronically to the Scientific Secretary by e-mail: [coffinconference.musei@scv.va](mailto:coffinconference.musei@scv.va)

Those who wish to attend must register their intention no later than 1 March 2017.

Official replies to requests to attend will be sent out no later than 10 April 2017 together with instruction on how to pay the registration fee.

Participants who do not intend to make a presentation will be accepted in order of receipt of their registration forms.

**CONFERENCE FEE: EURO 100,00** (includes conference material, book of abstracts, morning coffee and buffet-lunch on the days of the conference, private visit to the Apostolic Palace of Castel Gandolfo and its gardens, gala dinner in the gardens of Castel Gandolfo, and participation in all the events related to the conference).

Speakers are not required to pay the conference fee.

## Papers and posters

The language of the conference is English.

Presentations may take the form of papers or posters.

Papers (maximum duration 20 minutes!) and posters must be presented in English.

Presentation of a paper is subject to acceptance by the organizers.

Papers that are accepted but cannot be fitted within the timetable may be presented as posters.

## Abstracts

Abstracts (around 500 words in length) must be submitted electronically in .doc format and sent to the Scientific Secretary by e-mail: [coffinconference.musei@scv.va](mailto:coffinconference.musei@scv.va)

Each abstract must contain the following information: title, name, affiliation of the author, postal and e-mail address of the author.

Those who wish to present posters must also send an abstract, for inclusion in the book of abstracts.





## Conference bursary

The scientific committee will be awarding one conference bursary of **Euro 1.500,00**.

The bursary is offered for the best paper presented by a graduate student on any of the themes of the conference.

Those wishing to apply for the conference bursary must indicate this on the registration form and include the *curriculum vitae* when they return the registration form to the Scientific Secretary ([coffinconference.musei@scv.va](mailto:coffinconference.musei@scv.va)).

The winner will be announced at the closing of the Conference.

## Practical information

The organizers will help all participants to find a suitable accommodation in the vicinity of the Vatican Museums.

All other relevant information (including the registration form) can be found on the Musei Vaticani website ([www.museivaticani.va](http://www.museivaticani.va)) which will be updated progressively.

All further communications and circulars will be sent by e-mail.

Announcements will also be posted on the website.

Questions should be sent to: [coffinconference.musei@scv.va](mailto:coffinconference.musei@scv.va)

We hope to see you in the Vatican Museums!

