

Institute of Slavonic Studies
Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Nowy Sącz
District Museum

are pleased to invite you to

The 5th Galician Slavonic Studies Meeting

International Academic Conference entitled

Multiconfessional Slavdom in the old days – symbioses, migrations, and religious exclusions

Nowy Sącz, the Galician Town, ul. Lwowska 226

26-28 June 2017

It was when Slavs emerged from paganism and had to adopt one of great monotheistic religions that their medieval rulers were first faced with a difficult choice of both religious and (probably mostly) political character. This dilemma was noted by the chronicler Nestor, who presented an evocative legend about the Grand Prince of Kiev Vladimir sending envoys in order to find out which of the major religions: Judaism, Islam, or Christianity (Greek or Latin) was worth adopting. Lives of the saints Constantine-Cyril and Methodius also contain thorough accounts of missions to Arabs and Khazars, where Muslims and Jews sought new converts. The polemic, which traces back to early Slavonic writings, affected both followers of Judaism, which had been present in the Mediterranean Basin since the Roman times, and Islam, which was perceived with especially strong hostility during the period of Crusades and the Ottoman invasion on the Balkans. Religious conflict was also rife within Christianity itself: first between Rome and Constantinople and then in the difficult relations with Protestant churches. The publication of Martin Luther's theses, which happened exactly five hundred years ago and is considered the symbolic start of the Reformation, caused a great stir among Slavic followers of both Latin and Eastern Christianity. The new situation was marked by the return of religious controversy, and the creation of new bulwarks, bastions and trenches. The calls for dialogue, reconciliation and union came hand in hand with calumnies and calls to crush the enemy. For decades and centuries, irrespective of the dynamics of military campaigns or negotiated truces and signed peace accords, the process of religious-cultural confrontation or competition, but also, undoubtedly, interference and symbiosis, was underway. These processes resulted both from political decisions imposed from above and from the everyday pragmatism of the followers of many religions present in the lands inhabited by Slavs.

The present conference is devoted to relations between Christianity and other religions/confessions in Slavonic lands up to the 18th century. The conference is open to researchers whose academic interests focus on Slavonic culture in the pre-modern period, and who find evidence of the influence of Christian theological-philosophical thought, ritual practice and customs of Slavs.

As in the previous years, the organizers are not planning to publish the papers presented at the conference as a separate conference proceedings volume, but it will be possible to print some of the materials in the following issue of the Slavonic studies periodical *Krakowsko-Wileńskie Studia Slawistyczne*, if the papers will clearly correspond to the topic of the conference and the character of articles that have been published in the series. As this publishing series is devoted to the "Slavic antiquities", the authors of the papers are requested to focus on the times up to the late 18th century. The articles on the reception of these times in later periods must also conform to this chronological framework. The organisers would especially welcome papers on topics clearly related

to Church Slavonic written tradition of the former Polish-Lithuanian state and articles in the field of broadly understood Orthodox and Uniate material and spiritual culture, including its various links with the culture of other nations and religious denominations of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth or its direct neighbours.

Language of the Conference: any Slavonic language or English

Conference fee: PLN 300 or EUR 70

The conference fee covers full board (two lunches, banquet, supper/dinner, a **sightseeing tour** of the Nowy Sącz District Museum, **a coach trip**, and the **publication of the paper, if accepted by the reviewers, in the periodical *Krakowsko-Wileńskie Studia Slawistyczne***.

The accommodation in the Galician Town hotel must be covered by the participants themselves.

The organisers reserve the right to allocate participants to hotel rooms and can provide help with the hotel reservation.

Accommodation cost in hotel (www.miasteczkogalicyjskie.pl):

single or double room (with breakfast): PLN 100 (EUR 25) per day

**The completed application form must be submitted
until **30 April 2017** to the following e-mail address:
[**slavia.galicyana@gmail.com**](mailto:slavia.galicyana@gmail.com)**

Expected number of participants: 30

Papers: approximately 20 minutes in length

Due to the limited number of rooms in the Galician Town and the plenary character of the sessions during the whole conference, the organisers reserve the right to select the submitted papers.

Organisers:

**on behalf of the Nowy Sącz District
Museum**

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