

THE SECOND LEVANTINE SYMPOSIUM IN IZMIR

Friday, 31 October – Sunday 2 November 2014



WHO WERE THE LEVANTINES?

Where did they live? Who are their descendants? What is their legacy?

The first Levantine Symposium was held in Izmir on 3 November 2010 to great local and international acclaim. Building on its success, the second Levantine Symposium in Izmir will focus on European settlers in the Aegean region, the cities and towns they lived in, the businesses they created, their fascinating lifestyles and traditions, the different ethnic groups they encountered in the Levant, and finally on the unique legacies they left behind. Special emphasis will be placed on current research into the genealogy and social history of families with origins in Genoa, Malta, Smyrna and the Aegean Islands. It will be supported by several optional tours.

The Second Levantine Symposium will take place on **Friday, 31 October 2014**, and will be hosted by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce. In addition to keynote speeches by leading historians and presentations on current research into Levantine history and genealogy, the symposium will include possibilities for a series of optional organised visits to historical sites in Izmir and its environs, and to Chios. Attendance at the Symposium is free of charge. To book a place, please contact Alex Baltazzi, the Symposium Coordinator in Izmir, by email:

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Please note that the Second Izmir Symposium will be followed by the First Levantine Conference in Istanbul on 3-5 November 2014. For more information, please visit the website of the Levantine Heritage Foundation: www.levantineheritagefoundation.org

Travel to Istanbul, and accomodation at The Marmara Pera, Istanbul hotel 550mt from the British Consulate-General venue available through Karavan Travel:
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LANGUAGES OF CHOICE: ENGLISH, FRENCH, GREEK, AND TURKISH

PROGRAMME AS OF 28/10/2014:

Venue: Izmir Chamber of Commerce

DATE
Friday, 31 October 2014

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND EVENTS
Symposium Morning Session

Lunch hosted by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce

Symposium Afternoon Session

Evening reception / dinner

Hosted by the Izmir Chamber of Commerce



Conference organised under the auspices and sponsorship of the Izmir Chamber of Commerce

SCHEDULED SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS

Friday 31st October 9.00 AM OPENING AND GREETINGS from the President of Izmir Chamber of Commerce, Ekrem Demirtas, and from Alex Baltazzi

FAMILIES

Dr. Marie-Carmen Smyrnelis: Levantine social identities in 19th Century Ottoman Empire

Joanna Hyslop: The life and work of the Reverend Charles Dobson, Anglican Chaplain at Smyrna in 1922

Wallis Kidd: The MacAndrews & Forbes Company and the Forbes Family

Joe Murat: The Murat family of Bornova

Break: 20 minutes

Prof. Henry Frendo (University of Malta): The Maltese in Smyrna

Mark Ransome: The Walkers of Smyrna

Brian Webber: Observations on how the Perrin - Webber family's Smyrna connections continued in Canada

Buffet Lunch: 45 minutes

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Prof. Sandra Origone (University of Genoa): The human relations between Smyrna, Genoa, the Knights of St John and other Latin presences, analyzing documentary sources

Prof. Michel Balard (University of Paris, Sorbonne): The birth of the Giustiniani Clan: From the Old to the New Maona of Chios

Dr. Ioanna Koukounis (University of Birmingham): Furrowing routes of trade in the Mediterranean: The Chiots between Genoa and the Levant

Tea break: 20 minutes

AROUND IZMIR

Assoc. Prof. Altug Akin (Izmir University of Economics): The Levantines in Contemporary Literature

Dr. Kalliopi Amygdalou: From the Ottoman Empire to the Nation-State: Izmir's architectural and urban transformation

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hale Okcay (Ege University, Izmir): A Levantine legacy in Izmir: A sociological approach on the cemeteries

Dr. Ahmet Mehmetefendioglu (Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir): An important period for the Levantines of Izmir: The Levantines in the First World War and Rahmi Bey, Governor of Izmir

George Poulimenos: Digital reconstruction of the Smyrna Quay

Note: Acclaimed author and historian Dr Philip Mansel will be present to sign his latest books on Levantine history throughout proceedings

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION

An essential ingredient for a successful conference is to offer delegates the opportunity of social interaction. This is best achieved when all delegates stay at the same hotel. Transportation is also made easier and delays are avoided.

Our selected hotel is Izmir's newest 5 Star rated Renaissance Izmir Hotel, reputed for its fine cuisine.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/adbb-renaissance-izmir-hotel/>

Hotel package includes overnight accommodation (65€ per person per night in a double room, 98€ for single), international buffet breakfast, taxes, and transportation to and from gala dinner venue. Conference co-ordination desk and translators will be at hand for assistance.

Airport Transfers and meet and greet at airport on arrival and departure may be booked at an additional 20€ per journey per person, Single person charge is €35 per journey.

OPTIONAL PRE- AND POST-SYMPOSIUM TOURS

Pre- Symposium Tour:

30 October 2014. Urla – Alacati – Cesme – the Greek island of Chios

This tour will give us an insight into what survives of the pre-1922 mainly Orthodox communities of the peninsula, including a view of the 1900s summer resort of established Levantine families. Departure from hotel is early morning, driving to Urla, (birthplace of poet Seferis), and on to the hilltop historic village of Alacati with its newly restored Greek houses and church. The next stop is the fortress town of Cesme to board the ferry for an hour's crossing to Chios, Greece. Passengers will have the rest of the day to explore Chios city on their own, or take optional city tours to historic Nea Moni, Kambos, or to Pirgi – Mesta. Sail back to Cesme is at 17.00. Cost of tour is 65€ per person.

Post-Symposium Tours:

1 November 2014. Buca – Bornova Tour

By public demand this full day tour has been arranged to allow more time for visits to the still surviving ancestral mansions, homes, mansions and churches of Levantine families. Visitors will see for themselves the sites mentioned by so many authors and praised by illustrious poets. Visits to the Christian cemeteries included in the tour. Cost of tour is 33€ per person.

02 November 2014. Ephesus Tour

Visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus, the spectacular antique theatre where St Paul preached and was arrested, the magnificent Hellenistic and Roman ruins such as the Library of Celsus, the Marble Avenue, the Scholastic Baths. The tomb of St John the evangelist, and the house where according to tradition St John brought Jesus' Mother to end her days in his company. The more recent town of Selcuk nearby, had also been home to several Levantine and Greek families. Cost of tour is 45€ per person.

Rates are including taxes, guide fees and transportation, but excluding lunch and entrance fees. All tours subject to a requirement minimum 15 persons participating.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Karavan Travel is at your disposal for air tickets at preferential fares with THY and other airlines. Please contact Ms Arzu at Karavan Travel. izmir@karavantravel.com

Important notice: The organisation and hosting of this event is conducted in good faith, but no liability is accepted in any way or form. All participants, delegates, and guests are strongly recommended obtaining their individual travel insurance cover.