



8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
ON BLACK SEA ANTIQUITIES
dedicated to memory of Gocha R. Tsetskhladze

14–18 September 2026, Warsaw, Poland

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ON BLACK SEA
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TO THE MEMORY OF
GOCHA R. TSETSKHLADZE***

***General Trends and Local Traditions in the Black Sea Area
(7th c BC–5th/6th c AD)***

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**THE SEVENTH CIRCULAR – FINAL UPDATES AND PRACTICAL
INFORMATION**

The Organising Committee of the 8th International Congress on Black Sea Antiquities would like to thank you for your contributions and is delighted to welcome you to Warsaw. As the Congress approaches, we would like to share some final practical information to help you prepare for your stay and participation in the event.

Please find attached a final version of the conference programme and book of abstracts.

VENUE

The congress will be held on the Main Campus of the University of Warsaw. From **Monday to Thursday** (14 – 17 September) all sessions, as well as coffee and tea breaks, will take place on the Main Campus of the University of Warsaw (26/28 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street), in the **Old Library** building.

On Friday (18 September), all congress sessions as well as coffee and tea breaks will take place at the Tyszkiewicz-Potocki Palace (Museum of the University of Warsaw), 32 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street.

WELCOME RECEPTION

The welcome reception will take place in the Columned Hall at the Faculty of History, University of Warsaw (26/28 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street).

FAREWELL RECEPTION

The farewell reception will take place at the Tyszkiewicz-Potocki Palace (Museum of the University of Warsaw), 32 Krakowskie Przedmieście Street.

Further information about the Congress venues is also available on the Congress website (<https://icbsa2026.archeologia.uw.edu.pl/venue-and-accomodations/>), including links to their locations on Google Maps. For your convenience, we have also attached a map of the University of Warsaw Main Campus showing all relevant Congress locations to this email.

CONGRESS BADGES

All participants will receive their Congress badges upon registration. We kindly ask you to wear your badge at all times during the Congress. The badges will serve as identification and may be required to access certain venues and activities. This will be particularly important during the Mid-Congress excursion, when access to some of the sites included in the programme will be possible only upon presentation of a Congress badge.

Please make sure to keep your badge with you throughout the Congress.

WI-FI ACCESS

Wi-Fi access will be available to all Congress participants during the sessions held in the Old Library. Please use the following network details:

Network name: UW-GuestWifi

Password: BlackSea2026

MID-CONGRESS EXCURSION PROGRAMME – 16 SEPTEMBER

9:45 – Meeting point in front of the National Museum in Warsaw (MNW).

We will meet in front of the MNW to check the list of participants.

You can find the location of MNW on Google Maps at the following link:

[<https://maps.app.goo.gl/SEAA1L8CXaCzaZDLA>]

The address is **Al. Jerozolimskie 3**. For your convenience, a map indicating the location of MNW is also attached to this email.

10:00 – Visit to the National Museum in Warsaw

Guided tour of the Gallery of Ancient Art with the gallery's curators.

Following the curator-led tour of the Gallery of Ancient Art, participants will have the opportunity to explore the museum's other galleries independently.

13:20 – Meeting at the buses

All participants should be at the buses by 13:20 at the latest. We will then depart for Wilanów.

15:00 / 15:15 / 15:30 – Entry to the Wilanów Palace

Participants will be divided into 3 groups of approximately 25 people. The groups will enter the palace at 15-minute intervals: at 15:00, 15:15 and 15:30. Each group will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide.

After the visit to the palace, the buses will take participants back to the National Museum in Warsaw.

IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

- The excursion is only for participants who registered in the excursion sign-up form.
- Participants who did not register will not have a ticket reserved.
- Please make sure to have your conference badge with you at the National Museum in Warsaw (MNW).
- MNW security will only allow access to the other galleries to people wearing their conference badge.
- A conference badge is also required to board the buses.
- Lunch boxes will be provided during the excursion.

For any inquiries regarding the congress, please do not hesitate to contact us via our dedicated congress email address:

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