



First circular message for the 18th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies

Movements in Ethiopia / Ethiopia in Movement

Dire Dawa, Ethiopia, 29 October – 2 November 2012,

Dear Colleague,

It is time for an update on the ongoing preparations on the 18th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies. After a long preliminary phase of fact-finding and seedling-fund-raising, we are glad to announce that the organization of the conference has started.

The 18th ICES will take place in Dire Dawa, Eastern Ethiopia, from 29 October to 2 November 2012, under the general theme “Movements in Ethiopia / Ethiopia in Movement”.

A website is launched at the address ices18.org/site on which you will progressively find all practical and scientific information. The submission of panel proposals (in a first stage) and paper proposals (in a second stage) will be done through this website. For details please regularly consult this site or contact this e-mail address : organization@ices18.org.

An organizing committee has been formed in association between the French Center for Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa and the Institute of Ethiopian Studies of Addis Ababa University. Dire Dawa University and Ethio-French Alliance of Dire Dawa are local partners.

Continuing an innovation introduced in the preceding conferences, the organizing committee wishes to organize the ICES 18 on the basis of panels aimed at focussing presentations and debates on specific topics. The general theme of the conference is aimed at encouraging panel proposals and subsequently paper proposals that would deal with the issue of “movement” in its widest sense. Not only studies on social, religious, political, cultural movements are likely to fit into the theme, but also focus on circulation of words, ideas and peoples; the dynamics of contacts and exchanges; the effect of intellectual or economic change on societies, etc. Movement can also be understood in its physical and spatial meaning encompassing travels, migrations and transportation of goods and commodities at different scales. Dance and gestures are also movements, and movements of the earth and other natural phenomena can be taken into consideration.

Please submit suggestions for panels with specific topics before 30 November 2011, through a form available at ices18.org/site/panels. Panels connected with the theme of the conference are encouraged but are not mandatory: the Conference stays open for topics in the range of the already established multidisciplinary traditions of the ICES.

In the second phase of organization, selected panels will serve as a framework for the call for papers, to be posted on 15 December 2011 and closed on 15 March 2012 (see the full timeline on the website). Panel organizers will be associated to the selection of papers together with the French-Ethiopian organizing committee.

Participation costs (including registration fee) are covered by participants and their institutions. Grants will be allocated by the organizing committee. Panel organizers are kindly encouraged to raise additional funds to support more participants.

Please inform those interested in the ICES by forwarding this email, especially to newcomers in Ethiopian studies, who might not be on our list. A pre-registration form can be filled on the website.

We are very much looking forward to an interesting conference. Please feel free to contact us if there is any question.

For the organizing committee of the 18th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, with regards,

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