



Call for papers

Symposium on *Iranian and Indo-European Onomastics and Linguistics* in the memory of Manfred Mayrhofer

Dear Colleague,

Prof. Dr. Manfred Mayrhofer, one of the most prominent scholars in the field of Comparative and Historical Iranian, Indian and Indo-European Linguistics and Philology, as well as former Secretary General of the Austrian Academy of Sciences and Professor of General and Indo-European Linguistics at the University of Vienna, passed away last October after a long and rich scholarly life.

In order to pay homage to Mayrhofer's life and the scholarly impact of his work on Iranian and Indo-European Studies, especially Comparative and Historical Linguistics, the Institute of Iranian Studies (*Institut für Iranistik*) at the Austrian Academy of Sciences and the Vienna Linguistic Society (*Wiener Sprachgesellschaft*) organize an International symposium on "**Iranian and Indo-European Onomastics and Linguistics**". The conference will take place on **May 10th–12th, 2012** in Vienna.

On behalf of the Convenors it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in this conference with a paper on a relevant subject of your choice. Suggested topics include central themes from the rich palette of Mayrhofer's scholarly interests, such as for instance:

- Iranian Onomastics, especially Iranian personal names
- Problems of phonology, morphology, syntax, and stylistics of Iranian and Indo-European languages
- Sources of Old Iranian languages, esp. Avestan and Old Persian texts, and their critical assessment
- Reconstruction of common Indo-Iranian grammar and lexicon
- Etymological problems of Iranian and Indian languages
- "Linguistic palaeontology": on the possibilities of the reconstruction of scarcely attested languages of "Irania submersa"
- "Life before canonization": problems of the transmission of Avesta and Veda before the written fixation of the corresponding canons
- General questions of Iranian and Indo-European Linguistics and Philology, from a comparative and historical perspective

Thirty minutes of time will be allotted to each paper (20 min. for the presentation and 10 minutes for discussion, respectively).

For organizational reasons, please let us know at the earliest, but in any case before March 27th, 2012, whether you intend to participate in our Symposium; and, if so, what will be the title of the contribution (an abstract of no more than 1000 words will be desirable).

Travel expenses and other costs cannot be covered by the convening organizations. We ask for understanding that, due to limited time and resources, a selection of papers may be made; speakers will be notified by March 31st of whether their paper was accepted. We intend to publish the papers in the Proceedings of the Conference, so speakers will be then kindly requested to submit their paper for publication till December 31st, 2012.

With kind regards, on behalf of the Convenors,

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