

CALL FOR PAPERS

# 11th International Student Byron Conference

23-28 May 2016



The Messolonghi Byron Society  
Messolonghi Byron Research Center, Greece

## Theme: Byron and the Summer of 1816

The Messolonghi Byron Research Center welcomes proposals for 20-minute papers to be delivered at the 11th International Student Byron Conference, to be held at Messolonghi, May 23-28, 2016. With a focus on the "Haunted Summer" the Byron-Shelley Circle spent on the shores of Lake Geneva in 1816, the conference also hopes to include a short digital humanities workshop, centered on documents housed in the Murray archive of the National Library of Scotland.

We would particularly welcome submissions centering on Byron's works of 1816 (among them *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage* Canto III, *Manfred*, "Darkness," *The Prisoner of Chillon*, and the *Alpine Journal*), other works begun, written, or inspired at Diodati that summer (such as Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, P. B. Shelley's "Mont Blanc" and "Hymn to Intellectual Beauty," and John William Polidori's *The Vampyre*), 1816 publications that proved influential to the Byron-Shelley circle (Goethe's *Faust*, Coleridge's *Christabel*, Lady Caroline Lamb's *Glenarvon*) or relevant contextual matters (such as post-Waterloo political changes or the global aftereffects of the eruption of Mount Tambora).

Keynote Speaker: Professor Paul Douglass, San Jose State University, California, US.  
Digital Humanities Workshop: David McClay, Senior Curator, John Murray Archives National Library of Scotland.

Presenters at the conference will span all academic levels from undergraduates through graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members. Proposals should be sent by email to Professor Peter Graham (pegraham@vt.edu), Dr. Maria Schoina (schoina@enl.auth.gr), and Mrs. Rodanthi-Rosa Florou, President of the International Byron Research Center (byronlib@gmail.com) by **February 1, 2016**.

The full conference fee including registration, and accommodation, with B/B (Bed & breakfast) at the Theoxenia Hotel by the Messolonghi lagoon, and most of the meals, will be 550 euros for a double accommodation and for a single 650 euros. During the conference, there will be abundant opportunities to learn about Greek life through first-hand experience. There will be a gala with traditional dancing, along with visits to historic and archaeological sites and museums of Messolonghi and its area associated with Byron in particular and more generally with the historical and cultural heritage of Greece.

Detailed descriptions of the previous international student conferences can be found on the Messolonghi Byron Society's web page, <http://www.messolonghibyronsociety.gr>

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