

Call for Papers

Participants in the Paris Congress are invited to present their work during the course of the meeting. Contributions should address the theme of the Congress: “The liturgical assembly in its spaces.”

We welcome three categories of contributions, in line with the Congress theme:

- individual papers,
- panels, with a minimum of three participants and a maximum of six,
- posters.

Peer review procedure

All proposals will be subject to the peer review process adopted by the Council in 2014 and implemented since the Quebec City Congress. This process comprises four steps:

1-First stage: paper proposals

For paper proposals, Societas Liturgica members and other participants are invited to submit an abstract of their contribution (paper, panel or poster) using the form downloadable from the Societas website. They should indicate their name, their institutional affiliation and the working title of their paper(s); they should also: explain how it corresponds to one of the four research axes of the Congress (**150 words maximum**), indicate the methodology employed (**150 words maximum**), and/or the primary or secondary sources used (**150 words maximum**).

For panel proposals, the organizer must provide the names of the contributors and the expected titles of their respective contributions.

2-Second, the Council will organize a double-blind peer review for all proposals.

All proposals will be sent to two readers. These readers will work independently, without knowledge of the identity of the other, or of the author of the proposal; the latter will also be unaware of the identity of the readers. Proposals will be evaluated by the readers according to the following scale: excellent (4), very good (3), good (2), insufficient (1). Based on the overall evaluation according to the three criteria indicated above, each abstract will be marked on a scale of 12. Proposals scoring 6 or above will be accepted.

3-If the proposal is (partly) insufficient and has been rejected, readers will send brief remarks.

Those whose proposals have been accepted will be notified. From then on, it will not be possible to modify the abstracts that will be printed for the Congress program. In the event of a proposal being rejected, it will be possible to improve it and resubmit it for a second double-blind evaluation.

4-A list of accepted contributions will be published prior to the Congress.

The main research axes for the Paris Congress (a more detailed description can be found in the congress theme) are as follows:

1 - Liturgical and ecclesiological, articulating different theologies of liturgical space and the celebrating assembly;

2 - Historical, understanding the evolution of the relationship between celebratory space and the ecclesiological and/or political representations we have inherited;

3 - Ritual and anthropological, taking into account and interpreting the concrete experiences of the celebration space by those who inhabit it, during or beyond the liturgical action;

4 - Phenomenological and architectural, identifying and questioning the concrete relationships between theology, culture and space.

In some cases, there may be more than one research area that could be appropriate, and this should be indicated.

The proposal should be sent by e-mail to the Secretariat (secretariat@societas-liturgica.org) by 18 November 2024. Successful applicants will be notified by 16 January 2025 and will be scheduled for presentation during one of the days of the Congress.

Papers

In principle, 20 minutes for the presentation in the presenter's original language will be followed by 20 minutes of bilingual and communal discussion.

Panels

The maximum time allowed for a panel is 90 minutes. It is up to the organizers to allocate the time for the various presentations and discussion with the participants.

Short communications

Short communications (SC) are presentations on a specific topic not necessarily directly related to the Congress theme. They are intended to report on new ideas and recent advances, or on the author's plans for publication. They do not provide a detailed background to the problems addressed or their applications but are limited to essential indications. They last 30 minutes, including discussion. Societas cannot cover the cost of translation and/or handouts. It is not necessary to submit a proposal for a SC; if you wish to propose one, simply indicate this when registering for the Congress.