



VIII INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SILVER IN IBERO-AMERICA. FROM ITS ORIGINS TO THE XIX CENTURY

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The VIII International Congress on "Silver in Ibero-America. From its Origins to the XIX Century" will be held from September 13th to 17th 2021 in León, Spain. It is being organized by the Institute of Humanism and Classical Tradition of the University of León and the National Coordination of Historical Monuments of the National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico.

Due to the special circumstances at the current time we have had to alter the initial venue decided on before the pandemic. The congress will now be held in León (Spain) as it is one of the organizing venues.

The city was an important center for silverwork at the end of the Middle Ages and the start of the Modern Era. A particular splendor was provided by the Arfe family who were, over three generations, the authors of the best silver pieces in Spain. For this reason, we have chosen the monstrance that Enrique de Arfe made for the Benedictine monastery of Sahagún in León as the illustration for the Congress, since it is probably the one that Bernardino of Sahagún could contemplate as a child. In addition, the lands of León were also an important silver mining center during the Roman occupation of the Iberian Peninsula, with the now famous Pliny the Elder as the administrator.

As for the subject matter, as in the previous edition, which took place in the city of Bogotá, we have maintained the chronological limits of the subjects to be dealt with from the Pre-Hispanic world for America and from pre-history up to the XIX century, inclusive, for Europe. Thus, all the studies related to precious stones and metals, from any sphere or discipline: silverware, jewelry, literature, law mining, urbanism, documentation, the history of science, gemology, performing arts, cinematography, comics, etc., will all fit within this period.



The event will be in the modality of blended learning, i.e., *on line* or physically present. We would recommend the former, as there would be a small capacity of people physically present in the rooms where the event will take place. In addition, we would not have the problem of a possible prohibition of the physical event at the last moment. It would also enable the participation of many researchers who could have economic restrictions for physically attending the Congress.

We hope to be able to count on a good number of researchers in this area, so we would ask you to please make this news known to anyone who might be interested.

The Congress will be **free of charge** for both those presenting papers and those attending, although the issuing of certificates will depend on an attendance of at least 80%.

All matters concerning the Congress, including the **inscriptions**, can be consulted at the following website (under construction): <https://viiiplataiberoamerica.weebly.com/>

For any doubts or questions, please contact the following email address: viiiplataiberoamerica@gmail.com

Deadline for receiving proposals:

30th April 2021

Acceptance of proposals:

15th May 2021

Proposals will be accepted for presentations in **Spanish, English, Italian and Portuguese.**



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