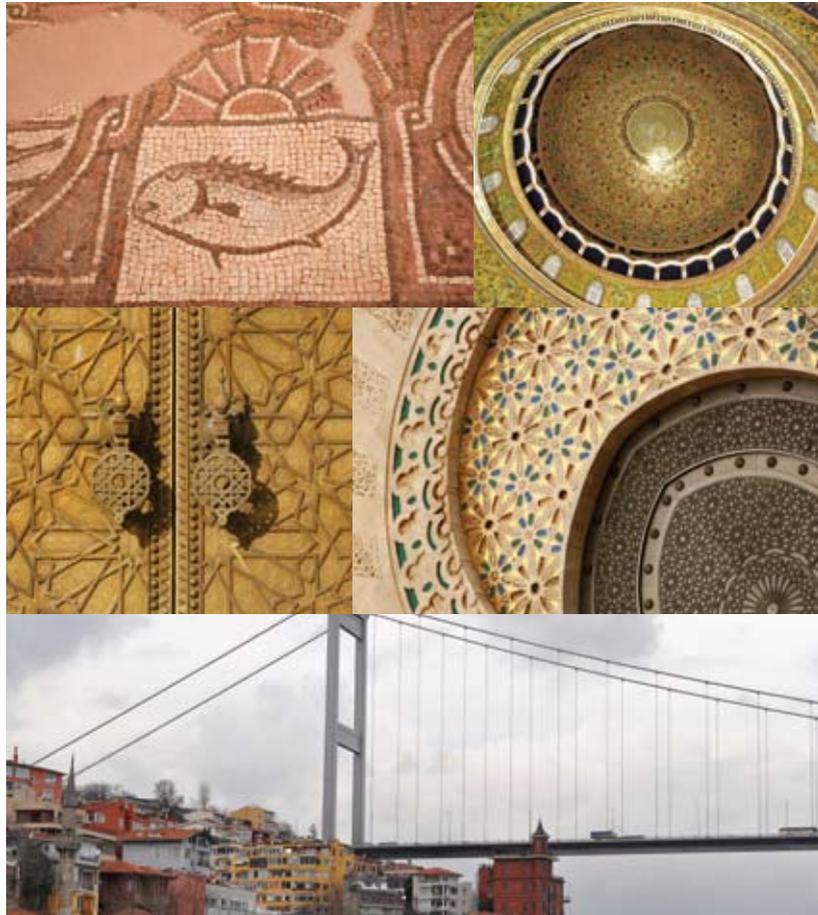


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WOCMES, THE MOST IMPORTANT GLOBAL EVENT ON MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES IN 2010

The European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and the Government of Catalonia have the honor of co-organizing the third World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), to be held in **Barcelona** from **19th to 24th July, 2010**.

After the highly successful experiences of the two previous WOCMES meetings held in Mainz (Germany) in 2002 and in Amman (Jordan) in 2006, WOCMES Barcelona 2010 will bring this unique event within the Mediterranean region.

The World Congress seeks to address, explore and exchange information on the state of the art in Middle Eastern Studies in its broadest sense. The Congress is aimed at scholars, researchers, educators, students, professionals and other groups interested in studies on North Africa, the Middle East and the Muslim states of Central Asia as well as other regions of the world which are directly or indirectly affected by affairs in these areas.

This exciting and challenging event aims to:

- ① *Strengthen and promote Middle Eastern research studies*
- ② *Reinforce and build up regional and global networks for joint research*
- ③ *Open debate and exchange new ideas on new topics and disciplines*
- ④ *Bring together more than 2000 experts from 50 countries from all branches of the humanities, social sciences and related disciplines*
- ⑤ *Place under the spotlight the Euromed Agenda 2010 and the Spanish Presidency of the EU*



World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies



AN ATTRACTIVE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

WOCMES Barcelona 2010 will present studies and research on themes embracing all disciplines of the social and human sciences. Your experience and knowledge are very important for the enrichment of the congress: take part and contribute to its development. There are many ways to contribute to the WOCMES Barcelona 2010 program:

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PRE-ORGANIZED PANELS: Pre-organized panels already including the totality of requested papers are strongly encouraged (four paper presenters, a chair and a discussant if possible). It is preferable that neither the chair nor the discussant be paper presenters. If a panel belongs to a series of panels, the corresponding title should be provided.
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PRELIMINARY PANELS: Preliminary panels to be used as Call for Papers for specific topics will be posted on the website of WOCMES. Paper presenters interested in joining the panel are invited to get in contact with the organizer.
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ROUNDTABLES: Roundtables promote informed discussion and debate concerning the current state of scholarship in particular fields, work currently in progress or the particular problems involved in the employment of new approaches, new models, etc. The roundtable format lends itself to open discussion in an atmosphere where participants provide their points of view and engage the audience in active discussion.
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INDIVIDUAL PAPERS: Individual papers presenters are kindly requested to register their proposal –if possible– for the appropriate panel from the list announced under “scientific program” on the WOCMES website, which will be regularly updated.
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POSTERS: The poster is a visual presentation used to communicate ideas and messages. Poster presenters will present and explain their work on the site of their poster.
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CULTURAL/ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES: The WOCMES Barcelona 2010 cultural activities program offers the opportunity to present initiatives and projects that will help value, promote, and transmit the cultural heritage in North Africa, Middle East, and Muslim countries in Central Asia.
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MEETINGS, CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS IN CONJUNCTION WITH WOCMES: An opportunity for institutions to schedule a meeting within the framework of the WOCMES Barcelona 2010. The Organization has reserved meeting space at the congress venue for various types of events.

*The conference's working languages are English and French.
Submission of proposals can be sent through the online forms available on the congress website: www.iemed.org/wocmes*



A VIBRANT PROGRAM OF CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC EVENTS IN BARCELONA



■ **BOOK FAIR:** As a great opportunity to exhibit your organizations and publications to a number of specialists from around the world, the Book Fair will be held in a strategic area of the WOCMES Barcelona 2010 venue, to assure all exhibitors success.



Requests for booths should be submitted by May 18th 2010. General information and conditions of participation are available on the congress website: www.iemed.org/wocmes.



■ **FILM FESTIVAL:** In collaboration with APIMED (the International Association of Independent Producers of the Mediterranean), the Film Festival will showcase over 7 days a range of films recently released from across the Middle East and North Africa. The festival aims to give the cinema of those regions a voice by both showcasing the work of well-known filmmakers from the region and being a platform for the works of young film makers.



Film makers and producers are invited to submit their feature films, short films, documentaries, and animation films.

■ **WOCMES BARCELONA 2010 AWARD:** This prize highlights the career of a renowned expert and its contribution to Middle Eastern Studies. The ceremony of the WOCMES Award will take place in the Palau de la Música Catalana, one of the most impressive buildings of Catalan Art Nouveau.



BARCELONA, CAPITAL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN



Attendance at the WOCMES congress means the chance to visit Barcelona, considered one of the best urban tourist destinations in the world.

The city of Barcelona is the only city in the world with nine buildings that have been declared World Heritage Sites by UNESCO, all of them internationally renowned as emblematic works of Catalan Art Nouveau, such as the Pedrera, the Parc Güell, the Hospital of Santa Creu and Sant Pau or the Church of the Holy Family. The Gothic quarter, the Rambles promenade, the Born district, the fishermen's district of La Barceloneta and the Passeig de Gràcia are landmarks of the city. Likewise the innovative town-planning design of the Eixample, by Cerdà, which in 2009 has marked 150 years since its official approval.

Barcelona is the fourth city in the world for its number of international congresses. It is cosmopolitan and open, and has been the scene for great cultural and sporting events of world significance, such as the World Forum of Cultures 2004, the Olympics of 1992 and the Universal Exhibition of 1929. These events have enabled it to develop a rich heritage of contemporary architecture and a character as a dynamic and modern city in constant process of renewal.

The fact that Barcelona has been chosen in 2008 as the seat of the Permanent Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UpM) reinforces its importance as the nerve-centre of that geographical area. The UpM comprises 43 countries from both shores of the Mediterranean and its main objective is to create a common space for peace, stability and shared prosperity.

We wait for you in our city!



THE CAMPUS OF UAB, THE BEST PLACE TO EXPERIENCE THE WOCMES

■ CONGRESS VENUE

WOCMES Barcelona 2010 will be held on the Campus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), in a non-urban area surrounded by forest. The best place to help the congress participants to concentrate and to promote the exchange of ideas between them in a comfortable and relaxed environment.

The campus is also fully linked by public transport only some 20 km. from downtown Barcelona and 25 km. from Barcelona's El Prat airport.

■ ACCOMMODATION

The organization has secured a number of good-value apartments in the university village located in the UAB Campus (congress venue), the most economically attractive way to attend the congress and to stay in Barcelona (less than 30 minutes by train). Hotel rooms will also be available for congress participants in the city of Barcelona.

■ CATERING

Congress participants will have access to a variety of catering services on the campus. The restaurant La Plaça will have a special offer for WOCMES participants.



More information in: www.iemed.org/wocmes

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PRICES

REGISTRATION

	<i>by February 1st 2010</i>	<i>by July 10th 2010</i>	<i>After July 10th (on site registration)</i>
Regular	85€	100€	120€
Student	50€	75€	80€

ACCOMMODATION

To reserve an apartment in Vila Universitària please contact:
www.vilauniversitaria.com/wocmes2010

<i>Apartments</i>	<i>Characteristics</i>	<i>Rate per week (7 nights)</i>	<i>Rate per day</i>
Apartment A	40 m ²	2 person 372,90€	60,99€
Apartment B	76 m ²	4 person 546,24€	89,88€
Apartment C	101 m ²	5 person 655,91€	107,54€
Apartment D	30 m ²	2 person 335,28€	57,25€
Apartment Q ^(*)	30 m ²	2 person 413,02€	66,89€

^(*) Rate per individual night to apply when reserving less than 7 nights.

CATERING

Every day a balanced diet menu will be offered at a very competitive price:
8€/ticket bought online.

For more information, please check the catering section on the congress website:
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