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Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Ancient Near Eastern Studies of the University of Warsaw has the honour and pleasure to invite you to the 60th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale that will take place in Warsaw, Poland, on July 21st through 25th, 2014. It will be the first time that the Assyriological world has come to Poland and it is for us here as much a thrill as a great challenge. Especially as it is a jubilee RAI meeting, giving the entire Assyriological society occasion to celebrate. "Sixty" is a significant number in Mesopotamian thought – the sign of Anu and the root of *kiššatu* "totality" (3600) – and we take it as a propitious omen.

The **theme** of the Warsaw RAI is "Fortune and Misfortune in the Ancient Near East." We believe that it may be approached from a number of angles including the issues of success and failure in everyday life (e.g., in love, in business, in court); in war (victory and defeat); in ritual (ritual success and failure); in medicine (successful and failed treatment); in omens and oracles.

Papers dealing with issues outside the theme will be welcomed, but they will not be accepted for publication in the conference volume that will deal with the issues of Fortune and Misfortune only. A **poster** session will also be held.

Papers will be read in English, French and German. Their expected length will be twenty minutes; another ten minutes will be allowed for discussion.

Abstracts of ca. 200–500 words should be submitted via the EasyChair conference system by May 1st, 2014. Since they will be published, it is recommended that non-native speakers have their texts proofread.

Several **workshop** proposals have been submitted. Their list and brief descriptions can be found in the bookmark Workshops. One evening session will be devoted to the General Meeting of the International Association of Assyriology.

Following preferential **fees** will be valid through March 31st:

IAA members: €100,
non-IAA members: €130 euros,
students and accompanying persons, IAA-members: €50,
students and accompanying persons, non-IAA members: €65,
publishers: €75.

From April 1st on, regular fees will apply:

IAA members: €110,
non-IAA members: €140,
students and accompanying persons, IAA-members: €55,
students and accompanying persons, non-IAA members: €70,
publishers: €100.

Payment will be possible by credit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, MasterCard, Maestro, MasterCard Electronic) or bank transfer:

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Cash transaction will be possible in euros only, but they will be less favourable than online payments (€120/150/60/80 respectively).

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to **contact** us at raiwarsaw.orient@uw.edu.pl.

We look forward to welcoming you in Warsaw,

The Organizers