

13th International Symposium of Byzantine Sigillography
Tradition & Innovation

March 27-29, 2025
University of Cologne

Day 1 – Thursday, March 27

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcome Addresses and Opening Remarks

10:00-11:00 Central Administration

Chair: Andreas Gkoutzioukostas

10:00 Jean-Claude Cheynet (Sorbonne University): Le comte de l'Étable

10:30 Martina Filosa (University of Cologne): The Administrative Personnel of the Charitable Institutions in Byzantium in the Light of Lead Seals

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30 Linguistic Features on Seals

Chair: Nilgün Elam

11:30 Maria Campagnolo-Pothitou (Museum of Art and History, Geneva): À qui la faute ? L'usage de l'accusatif dans les légendes des sceaux byzantins

12:00 Maria Teresa Catalano (University of Cologne): The Usage of Participles on Byzantine Lead Seals

12:30-14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00-15:00 Seals in Late Byzantium

Chair: Christos Stavrakos

14:00 Thanasis Sotiriou (Institute for Mediterranean Studies/FORTH): Exploring the Seals of Late Byzantine Sebastoi, 1204-1350

14:30 Nathan DC Websdale (University of Oxford): The Problem with 'Being' King David: Reassessing the Seals and Letters of David Grand Komnenos of Paphlagonia (1204-c.1212)

15:00-16:00 Unpublished Seals from Greece and Turkey (I)

Chair: Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt

15:00 Nikolaos Mastrochristos (Independent Researcher): Byzantine Lead Seals from Rhodes, Greece. New Data from Old and Recent Finds

15:30 Nilgün Elam (Anadolu University) and Christos Malatras (Sorbonne University): Lead Seals from the Collection of the Museum of Antiocheia of Pisidia (Yalvaç)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30-18:00 **Thematic Officials in Asia Minor: New Lead IDs and Digital CVs**
(*TAKTIKON* online)

Chair: Jean-Claude Cheynet

16:30 Olga Karagiorgou (Academy of Athens): Byzantine Thematic Officials in the WWW: The *TAKTIKON* online

17:00 Pantelis Charalampakis (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), Olga Karagiorgou (Academy of Athens), and Christos Malatras (Sorbonne University): Addenda and Corrigenda in the *TAKTIKON* (2021)

17:30 Nilgün Elam (Anadolu University) and Olga Karagiorgou (Academy of Athens): New Molybdoboulla from Turkish Museums Issued by Thematic Officials in Asia Minor

19:00 *Social dinner for the speakers*

Day 2 – Friday, March 28

10:00-11:00 **The Praetorian Prefecture of Africa and Italy at the Twilight of the Ancient World:
Some Insights from Sigillography**

Chair: Vivien Prigent

10:00 Margherita Elena Pomero (University of Bologna): From Prefect to Exarch of Italy: The Seals of Theodore Calliopa

10:30 Tommaso Giuliodoro (Durham University): The Praetorian Prefecture of North Africa in the Mid-7th Century: The Case of Marinus, *praefectus et commerciaris*

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-13:00 **Sealing in a Broader Context**

Chair: Zhenya Zhekova

11:30 Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Austrian Academy of Sciences): Χρυσὸς κοσμεῖ δάκτυλον... Neue Aspekte zu Inhalt und Funktion vier spätbyzantinischer Goldringe

12:00 Max Ritter (University of Silesia): The Seal of Patronage: Monograms in the Architectural Sculpture of Sixth- to Tenth-Century Constantinople

12:30 Lucia Maria Orlandi (École française de Rome): *Signacula*-Markers: The “Poor Relation” of Seals?

13:00-14:30 *Lunch break and official picture*

14:30-16:30 **Connecting Peripheries**

Chair: Christos Malatras

14:30 Eugen Paraschiv-Grigore and Ioana Paraschiv-Grigore (The National History Museum of Romania): Commercial Links between the Western Black Sea and Western Asia Minor, 4th–6th Centuries AD

15:00 Andreas Gkoutzioukostas, Dimitris Drakoulis, Dimitris Sidiropoulos, Konstantinos Diados (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), and Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Austrian Academy of Sciences): The Distribution of Seals in Early Byzantine Thrace (6th–8th c.): An Interdisciplinary Approach

15:30 Marco Muresu (University of Cagliari): Framing Byzantine Culture in Medieval Sardinia Between Continuity and Storytelling. The Seals of the ‘Carte Volgari’

16:00 Andreas Gkoutzioukostas (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and Alexandra-Kyriaki Wassiliou-Seibt (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Austrian Academy of Sciences): Remarks on Seals Found Along the Danube (7th–9th c.)

16:30-17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00-18:00 **Byzantine Sigillography and Digital Humanities**

Chair: Olga Karagiorgou

17:00 Pantelis Charalampakis, Nikolay Dimitrov, Metodi Zlatkov, Georgi Sengalevich (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), and Zhenya Zhekova (Regional Historical Museum Shumen): Towards a Digital Sigillographic Corpus of Bulgaria

17:30 Jan Bigalke, Jonathan Blumtritt, Sviatoslav Drach, Benedikte Löbbert, Claes Neufeind, and Marcel Schaeben (University of Cologne): The DigiByzSeal Project: A Digital Infrastructure for Seals

18:00 *DigiByzSeal portal launch with wine reception*

Day 3 – Saturday, March 29

10:00-11:30 **Unpublished Seals from Greece and Turkey (II)**

Chair: Maria Campagnolo-Poithitou

10:00 Christos Stavrakos (University of Ioannina): The Byzantine Lead Seals from the Acropolis of Athens

10:30 Eugenia Gerousi-Bendermacher (Hellenic Ministry of Culture): The Lead Seals of the Paul and Alexandra Canellopoulos Museum in Athens

11:00 Ioanna Koukouni (Independent Researcher): Two New Byzantine Lead Bullae from the Island of Chios

11:30 Closing remarks

12:00-13:30 *Lunch*

14:00-18:00 Visit of the churches of Saint Severin and Saint Heribert and their Byzantine textiles