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**ANCIENT LIGHTS
MODERN INSIGHTS**

**7TH LYCHNOLOGICAL
CONGRESS**

Programme

7 May 2026

9h-9h30 - Registration & Welcome coffee

9h30-9h45 - Opening & Introduction

9h45-10h30 - Keynote Lecture by Platon Petridis

Session 1: Production, Workshops and Technological Transfers

10h30-10h55	Hector WILLIAMS	Anemurium in Cilicia: the lamps from an early Byzantine city
10h55-11h20	Karen GARNETT	A Simple Set of Sub-types for North African (Broner Type XXXI, Hayes II) Lamps
11h20-11h35 - Coffee break		
11h35-12h00	Edyta MARZEC, Anne-Sophie MARTZ, Małgorzata KAJZER	Reassessing 'Delian' Lamps: Evidence for Lamp Production on Tenos
12h00-12h25	Viktoria VIDEVSKA	Illuminating Athena: Representing the Goddess on Terracotta Lamps in Moesia Inferior and Thrace
12h25-12h50	Marie DRIELSMA	Odd Sicilian lamps, old excavations, new questions
12h50-14h30 - Lunch break		
14h30-14h55	Stavros ZACHARIADIS	The Northern lights: pottery lamps from the Late Roman city of Philippi
14h55-15h20	Elisa Maria GRASSI	Between African imports and local moulds: lamp manufacture in Late Antique Milan
15h20-15h45	Zohar SLANEY	Northern Stamped Lamps: between style and technology
15h45-16h15 - Coffee break		
<i>Session 2: Diachronic Approaches</i>		
16h15-16h40	Efthimis THEOU, Katerina KOPAKA	Lighting a small island's nights. Gavdos's lamps in time
16h40-17h05	Stella KATSAROU, Fotios GEORGIADIS	Illuminating the Deep: Multi-temporal lighting assemblages from 'Agriomernos' Cave, Samos
17h05-17h30	Małgorzata KAJZER	The Development of Cypriot Roman Lamps: Questions of Chronology and Production
17h30-17h55	Mher PELTEKIAN, Jack NURPETLIAN	Archaeological data (re)interpreted: An AI-Assited analysis of ceramic oil lamps from Beirut (LBA - Medieval periods)
17h55-18h20	Clara BERNARD	Modifying (restoring, falsifying?) lamps in the 19th century: Some reflections based on the Louvre Museum collection.

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<i>Session 3: Domestic and Urban Contexts</i>		
9h30-9h55	Dimitra SPILIOPOULOU	The lighting devices of the prehistoric settlement of Akrotiri, Thira. Evidence of daily life practices and religious rituals.
9h55-10h20	Maria NIAROU	Lighting the household assemblage of Archaic-Early Classical Ambracia
10h20-10h45	Konstantina TSONAKA	Ceramic light in context: the lamps from the Ancient Site of Karabournaki
10h45-11h10	Veronica BALLACICCO	Terracotta lamps from Locri Epizephyrii: new data on Locrian material culture and everyday life
11h10-11h25 – Coffee break		
11h25-11h50	Annette PEIGNARD GIROS	Lamps in 1st century BC contexts in Delos
11h50-12h15	Ioanna VASILEIADOU	Hellenistic and Roman Lamps from the ancient Gymnasium of Amphipolis
12h15-12h40	Stella DROUGOU, Chrysanthi KALLINI	Clay Lamps from the ancient city of Aigai (modern Vergina)
12h40-13h05	Angeliki KATSIOTI	Protobyzantine lamps as evidence of Jewish presence in Rhodes, Greece
13h05-14h30 - Lunch break		
<i>Session 4: Funerary and Symbolic Uses of Lamps</i>		
14h30-14h55	Ani EBLIGHATIAN, Maha ELMASRI	Funerary Lamps from Antioch-on-the-Orontes and Sidon in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods
14h55-15h20	Laia DE FRUTOS	Lighting the death: funerary uses of Roman lamps in the north-eastern region of Hispania
15h20-15h45	Kristine TREGO, Peyton KENDALL	Diana, Death and Discus Lamps
15h45-16h10	Arnaud GALLIEGUE	Lamps of the living, lights of the dead: funerary clay lamps in southern Gaul
16h10-16h30 - Coffee break		
<i>Session 5: Regional Assemblages and New Finds</i>		
16h30-16h40	Stella RAFTOPOULOU, Dorina MOULLOU	Dedicated Torch Bases from Ancient Rhamnous: Context, Function, and the Lychnological Significance of Votive Torch Monuments

16h40-16h50	Karen GARNETT, Dorina MOULLOU, Maria THEODOROPOULOU	Broneer Type XXVII Trip Report
16h50-17h00	Constantin BAJENARU, Cătălin NOPCEA	Late Hellenistic and Roman Lamps from Tomis – some new finds in funerary contexts
17h00-17h10	Arnaud GALLIEGUE, Lucie MOTTA	From the darkness to the light: historic collection of oil lamps from the Lugdunum – Musée et théâtre romain
17h10-17h20	Daria IUNEVA	Clay lamps from Cascina Isola Felice, Rivanazzano Terme, Italy
17h20-17h30	Sophie MENGE	Of sacred water, altars, and lamps. The excavations of the Ostia Forum Project in a recently discovered sanctuary in the centre of Ostia Antica
17h30-17h40	Stamatis FRITZILAS	A marble lampstand, dedicated by the king Philopappus, from the Archaeological Museum of Lykosoura
17h40-17h50	Stefan GEORGESCHU, Marius STREINU (Recorded)	Morituri te salutant! Gladiators games depicted on the lamps discovered at Tomis
17h50-18h00	Martin DIETRICH	The Roman Lamps from Küssaberg-Dangstetten (Baden-Württemberg, Germany)
18h00-18h10	Luigi CALIO, Alessandro D'ALESSIO, Claudia DEVOTO, Gian Michele GEROGIANNIS, Claudia TEMPESTA, Giusy BELFIORE, Martina Anna SAPIENZA	Ritual Uses of Lamps in Late Antique Ostia: New Evidence from the Ostia Post Scriptum Project
18h10-18h20	Hakan GERCEK, Feriştah ALANYALI	Romanesis oil lamps from Side

20h00 - Dinner

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<i>Session 6: Beyond Ceramic Lamps</i>		
9h05-9h30	Bastien RUEFF	Conical cups and other spoutless vessels used as lamps in Bronze Age Crete. Technical and social insights.
9h30-9h55	Alice HANOTTE, Jonas PARETIAS, Malina ROBERT	Initial elements for a synthesis on lighting in Lillebonne / Iuliobona (France, Normandy) during the Roman period
9h55-10h20	Paschalis ANDROUDIS	New evidence on Byzantine bronze candelabra of 11th -14th centuries
10h20-10h45	Ioannis MOTSIANOS	Bronze lamps from Giorgos Pilichos collection
10h45-11h10	Amelie LUTZ, Ruth BIELFELDT, Ulrich HOFSTÄTTER	Bronze Lamp Stands from the Vesuvian Area Re-evaluated
11h10-11h25	Eleni STOUMPOU-KATSAMOURIS	Hanging ornaments from Chalkidiki
11h25-11h50 - Coffee break		
<i>Session 7 Lights, Perception and Lived Experience</i>		
11h50-12h15	Silvia TRUCOLO	Light and function in the Protopalatial contexts of Phaistos (Crete): a Reassessment of ceramic lighting systems (1900-1700 BC)
12h15-12h40	Dorina MOULLOU, Stelios ZEREFOS, Athanasios BALAFOUTIS, Lambros DOULOS	Colour Perception under Lamp Lighting: Measurement, Simulation, and Quantitative Approaches to Ancient Interior Illumination
12h40-13h05	Marine SCHLACHTER	Archaeological approach to the use of light in nocturnal rituals in ancient Greece
13h05-14h30 - Lunch break		
14h30-14h55	Romane DESARBRE	Light and daylight in the Roman house (2nd century BCE- 1st century CE)
14h55-15h20	Gregg GARDNER	Lighting, Lamps, and Affordances in Archaeology and Roman-era Jewish Texts
15h20-15h45	Maria SARDI	The Role of Light in Medieval Islamic Ceremonies

15h45-16h05 - Coffee break***Session 8: Ritual, Cult and Sacred Lighting***

16h05-16h30	Carmine DE MIZIO	Lighting Devices in an Etruscan Sanctuary: The Case of the Acropolis of Volterra (Italy)
16h30-16h55	Lucie MOTTA, Aldo BORLENGHI	In the light of the goddess: lychnological finds from the sanctuary of Vacuna in Montenero Sabino (Rieti, Italy)
16h55-17h20	Pelly FOTIADI	New finds of signature Corinthian clay lamps from the Sanctuary of Egyptian Gods in Marathon, Attica (2nd Century AD).
17h20-17h45	Eugenia GEROUSI	The large quantities of lamps of 5th-7th c. from the Caves of Pan at Vari and Parnitha
17h45-18h05	Ada CARUSO	4th-century AD lamps from Lychnospilia (Mt Parnes, Attica): typologies and possible uses
18h05-18h30	Boaz ZISSU	Lighting a Rural Martyrium: The Oil Lamps of the Cave of Holy Salome (Horvat Qasra) and the Continuity of Late Antique Christian Cult in the Judean Foothills

Session 9: Assemblages, Measurements, and Analytical Approaches

18h30-18h40	Dimitris GAVRIIL (Recorded)	And Let There Be Light': The Lighting Conditions as an Organizational Factor of Mortuary Rituals and Experiences at LBA Alassa-Pano Mantiliaris.
18h40-18h50	Dorina MOULLOU, Karen GARNETT	Considering Illumination Calculations for Terracotta Lamps
18h50-19h00	Eli BUCHMAN, Peter GENDELMAN, Adi ERLICH	Framing the Glow: Late Antiquity Glass Oil Lamps Metal Assemblies

Concluding remarks
