

# CALL FOR PAPERS, ESSWE3

The European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism  
in cooperation with the University of Szeged  
and its Cultural Iconology and Semiography Research Group  
announces its 3<sup>rd</sup> international conference on



THE VISUAL

AND THE

## SYMBOLIC IN WESTERN ESOTERICISM

**July 6-10, 2011, Szeged, Hungary**

Papers are invited in English,  
focusing on verbal and visual representations of Western Esotericism  
from late Antiquity to the present age.

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Michael J. B. Allen (UC, Los Angeles)

Lina Bolzoni (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa)

Pia Brnzeu (University of the West, Timisoara)

Moshe Idel (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

Please send the title of your proposed 20 minutes' paper with your affiliation  
and a short abstract via e-mail to

**György E. Szönyi: <[geszonyi@lit.u-szeged.hu](mailto:geszonyi@lit.u-szeged.hu)> by February 15, 2011**

*For further information check the conference homepage at  
<<http://www.staff.u-szeged.hu/~geszonyi/ESSWE3-2011/ESSWE3-main.htm>>*

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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### *“Lux in tenebris: The Visual and the Symbolic in Western Esotericism”*

Venue: University of Szeged, Faculty of Arts and University Library Buildings

July 6, Wednesday

Arrival. Registration from 15:00–18:00 and every morning of later days

16:00–18:00 Sightseeing in Szeged (optional)

18:30–19:30 Welcome reception

20:00–20:50 Plenary talk 1

July 7, Thursday

09:00–10:30 Session 1; 11:00–11:50 Plenary 2; 12:00–13:30 Session 2

14:30–16:00 Session 3; 16:30–18:30 Session 4

19:00 ESSWE Members' Meeting

20:00 Reception

July 8, Friday

09:00–10:30 Session 5; 11:00–12:00 Plenary 3; 12:00–13:30 Session 6

15:00 Visit to the Somogyi County Library, which holds an exquisite collection of early modern esoterica

Conference dinner: *Szeged Fish-souping* (optional)

July 9, Saturday

09:00–10:30 Session 7; 11:00–12:00 Plenary 4; 12:00–13:30 Session 8;

13:45 Conference closes

July 10, Sunday

10:30–14:00 Excursion in Budapest: "A Magical Mystery Tour in the Catacombs of the Buda Castle" (optional)

### **ANTICIPATED COSTS**

–Pre-registration for the conference (through the ESSWE website, until 1 June, 2011):

Full members of ESSWE: € 70; Student members of ESSWE: € 50

All other participants: € 90

Reduced fee for ex-East-bloc citizens: € 40 (for students € 30)

### **Extra charge for**

–On-site late registration: +€ 10 in all categories

–Conference Dinner: € 25 (optional)

–Budapest tour: TBA (optional)

–Lodging in Szeged: HUF 6000–20000 per night (about € 20-70)

**SZEGED**, declared a free royal town in 1246, is the fourth largest city in Hungary, a college-centre, with many institutions of higher and secondary education, museums, and theatres. The University, established in 1921, is the second largest in Hungary, with about thirty thousand students. After a devastating flood in 1879, the inner city was rebuilt in neo-classical, eclectic, and spectacular Art Nouveau styles. Situated on the River Tisza, Szeged is also famous for its spas, and is the home of paprika. The city is connected by direct motorway to most parts of Europe, and can be reached in two hours by train from Budapest's Ferihegy International Airport.

See: <[http://tip.szegedvaros.hu/start\\_en.php](http://tip.szegedvaros.hu/start_en.php)>.