

Metropolis: Santiago and Rome. 900 years of history

XIII International Congress of Jacobean Studies

26-29 June 2024

ABANCA Auditorium (Rúa do Preguntoiro, 23). Santiago de Compostela

CALL FOR PAPERS

To commemorate the elevation of Compostela to the status of a metropolis, the International Committee of Experts of the Way of St. James, an advisory body to the Government of Galicia (Spain) on the Jacobean route, will organize in June 2024 the ***XIII Congress of the International Committee of Experts of the Way of St. James, titled 'Metropolis: Santiago and Rome. 900 years of history'.***

On June 23, 1124, Pope Calixtus granted, after lengthy debates, the archiepiscopal dignity "informatuum" to Santiago de Compostela in reverence to the Apostle Saint James. The new metropolitan position sparked great debates in the northern Iberian Peninsula with Braga, Toledo, and partly with Tarragona. The pilgrimage centre of Compostela needed papal support in this context; this is documented not only by key sources such as the *Historia Compostelá* ('History of Compostela'), but also by the *Liber S. Jacobi*, ('Book of Saint James') attributed to the authority of Calixtus II, as well as other documents and artistic objects.

This celebration will mark the beginning of a commemorative congress that will address the sometimes conflicting yet also constructive relations between Rome and Santiago. Its aim is to study not only their impact on the Jacobean pilgrimage, but also on issues such as the legitimisation of vows, the Reconquista and military orders, Compostela's position during the Western Schism, and Spanish and Compostelan influence during the 16th century in Rome. Material culture, writing, and the organisation of episcopal letters also provide ample testimony to the prestige of papal models. A phenomenon that can even be observed in the "reinvention" of the Apostle's tomb and in the bull "Deus omnipotens" by Leo XIII.

We also would like to present some papers on the topic on June 28th. To participate, please send us your proposal before 01/06/2024, to the email address cultura.xacobeo@xunta.gal, including:

- ✓ Personal details and CV (*)
- ✓ Affiliated university
- ✓ Paper proposal with a brief explanation (no more than 2500 characters)
- ✓ References

The Xunta de Galicia offers free accommodation during the days of the congress to the authors of accepted papers.

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