**6th international Border Crossings network students' conference**

**Call for Papers**

The conference aims in developing cross-border cooperation in the areas of social anthropology, Balkan studies and other social science disciplines. Eventual subtopics might comprise (though are not limited to):

cultural heritage and cultural diversity;

disciplinary crossings and boundaries, past and present;

space and place in SE Europe;

emerging anthropological fields;

social memory;

urban and rural studies;

visual cultures;

crossing cultures (ideas, social networks, practices);

culturalism, racism, exclusivism and intolerance;

transnational networks and connections;

work and leisure;

ethnic minorities and nationalities;

folk traditions, invented traditions, popular cultures.

**Organizers**

Border Crossings Network

Institute of Popular Culture, Academy of Tirana, Albania

Municipality of Korca

Department of History and Archeology, University of Ioannina

Department of Ethnology, St. Cyril and Methodious University, Skopje

Department of Balkans Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina.

**Eligibility**

The conference is open to all undergraduate and M.A. students from universities members of the Border Crossings Network as well as other students from the area and beyond who might find the network interesting. There are capacities for approximately one hundred participants. Students are expected to present their papers in any way related to the main topic of the conference. The presentation should not exceed ten minutes (plus 5 minutes for discussion). Power-point and multimedia presentations are welcome.

**Application procedure**

Applicants should send their personal data, including university affiliation, and paper abstracts (around 15 lines) to the following e-mail address: bordcros08@yahoo.gr as well as to the responsible coordinator at the home university.

Deadline for submissions is March 25, 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by April 20, 2008.

**Cost**

There is no conference fee. However, the organisers are not in position to cover travel costs and the cost of accommodation for participants. Under request, the organisers might subsidize basic accommodation costs for students from lower-income countries.

Participants will be accommodated in double or triple hotel rooms at an A class Hotel in Korca. The cost for accommodation, including breakfast, is 20 EUR per night for participants coming from EU countries (excluding Rumania and Bulgaria) and 10 EUR per night for participants coming from other countries.

**Transportation**

Participants should make their own travelling arrangements. The closest to Korca international airports are those of Tirana, Thessaloniki and Skopje. A bus will run from Florina to Korca on the 22/5/2008 and from Korca to Florina on the 25/8/2008.

**Other conference activities**

Excursion around the Korca region, visit to the town of  Voskopojë.

Dinner feast in the Vlach village of Boboshtiçë.

Albanian and Balkan music performance.

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