

MAQDALA AT 150

FIRST CIRCULAR (November 16, 2017)

1. Academic Programme

The precise academic programme will be finalized and circulated during the immediate weeks prior to the beginning of the conference. However, we can already inform that due to the large number of participants there will be two parallel sessions during the three days of the academic conference (April 10-13, 2018/ጥፋይ 2-5, 2010 ዓ.ም.). We expect to have between forty to forty five papers presented. Participants will be given between 25 to 30 min. for their presentation (the exact timing will be announced in the coming circulars) and 10 min. for discussion. The presentations will take place in Gondar, Debre Tabor, and Maqdala.

2. Journey to Gondar

Participants are expected to cover all their travel expenses until arrival, including arrival to and departure from Gondar and transportation from Gondar airport/bus station to their hotel. However, for local Ethiopian participants a number of travel grants (only covering domestic transportation) is expected to be available. Confirmation will follow in the coming circulars.

The only airline connecting Addis Ababa with Gondar is Ethiopian Airlines, which has three daily flights. Land connection between Addis Ababa and Gondar is offered by Limalimo, Sky, Ityo bus companies and also by regional and local companies.

3. Registration

There will be an online registration and a final registration at arrival to Gondar. Online registration will be announced in the coming weeks. The final registration will be on Monday, April 9 (08:00 to 18:00 European Time) and Tuesday, April 10 (08:00 to 12:30 European Time).

4. Accommodation

The host institutions are expected to cover accommodation expenses for all participants at a quality hotel in the neighbourhood of the main university campuses. Confirmation and further details will follow in the coming circulars.

5. Conference fee

To be announced in the coming circulars. Ethiopian nationals living in Ethiopia will be exempted from it.

6. Parallel activities

A number of parallel activities to the academic conference is in course of preparation. This shall include visits to important historical and heritage sites and excursions guided by heritage and history professionals. Confirmation will follow in the coming circulars.

7. Internal transportation

Transportation to the host institutions and conference sites is expected to be arranged by the organizers. This will include transportation from the hotels to the conference and visit sites in Gondar, Debre Tabor and Maqdala.

8. Publication

The intention of the organizers is to publish an aesthetically attractive, professionally edited and scholarly volume with a selection of the papers presented at the conference. The volume shall include groundbreaking research on Tewodros II and his times and ultimately become an ultimate reference source for scholars and the larger public. Precise details will be given at the end of the venue.

9. Touristic routes and exhibitions

Historical exhibitions are in the course of preparation. Additionally, at the end of the conference a series of historical tours to sites related to Tewodros II and his times will be organized. The tours will count with the presence of heritage and history professionals and artistic performances. Further details will come with the coming circulars.