

DEAR PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS,

we are pleased to share with you some general information about the 9th CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR DIALECTOLOGY AND GEOLINGUISTICS which will be held in Lithuania on July 23–27, 2018.

23rd of July:

The congress opening will be held at the Institute of the Lithuanian Language, Vileišio str. 5, Vilnius (<https://goo.gl/maps/dntL5zP93mn>).

REGISTRATION will start at 10 a.m.

For those who have not paid yet, **Registration fee should be paid in cash only (exact amount in Euro)** during the REGISTRATION until the Plenary session (also see <http://sidg2018.mozello.lt/page1/>).

For those who need any bill / confirmation about the registration payment, will be able to receive such a document during the **Registration** or via email.

After plenary session, at 16:10, all participants and guests are invited for a group picture (photo) outside the Institute.

At 16:20 we all will be taken by two buses to the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania.

From approx. 16:30 until 18:00 participants and guests will have a guided tour (2 groups in English, 1 group in Japanese and 1 group in German) around the National Museum of the Palace.

From 18:00 opening dinner will start (in the same Palace).

24th, 25th and 27th of July:

Work in parallel sessions at Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology, Universiteto str. 3, Vilnius (<https://goo.gl/maps/zgAyAciMJLR2> , <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/top-20/vilnius-university/>) which is near the Presidential Palace (<http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/top-20/presidential-palace/>).

Outside Vilnius University there will be information provided where to follow to find necessary rooms.

GROUP 1. After work in parallel sessions, those participants who give their reports on Monday and Tuesday, are welcome to join the **group 1 on 24th of July at 15:30** for a guided tour in English around Vilnius University and Vilnius University Library. The tour will last until 17:00.

GROUP 2. After work in parallel sessions, those participants who give their reports on Wednesday and Friday, are welcome to join the **group 2 on 25th of July at 15:30** for a guided tour in English around Vilnius University and Vilnius University Library. The tour will last until 17:00.

Registered guests are welcome to join group 1 or group 2.

During REGISTRATION the first day of the Congress at the Institute of the Lithuanian Language, please provide which exactly group (1 or 2) are you going to join on 24th / 25th of July.

COFFEE BREAKS

Coffee and refreshments during the coffee breaks will be ready next to the **V. Krėvės room** at Vilnius University on 24th and 25th of July (the time of coffee breaks is provided in the Congress programme).

On 27th of July, coffee and refreshments will be ready next to the small hall **Aula Parva** at Vilnius University.

26th of July

At 08:30 we all are meeting at the gate of Vilnius University, Faculty of Philology, Universiteto str. 3, Vilnius (<https://goo.gl/maps/zgAyAciMJLR2>, near the Presidential Palace, <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/top-20/presidential-palace/>).

Two buses will take us (in total 120 participants and guests) to **Rumšiškės** (<http://www.llbm.lt/en/>).

You will have a guided tour there (2 groups in English and 1 group in German) by foot and by bus from approx. 10:00 or 10:30 until 15:00, lunch is included (from 13:00 until 14:30). Additionally, there will be a possibility to buy some souvenirs or postcards (paying in cash).

Then we all will be taken to **Trakai** (<http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/places-to-visit/around-vilnius/trakai/>).

Your free time in Trakai will last from approx. 16:00 until 18:00 or 18:30: you will be able (**for your own account**) to visit Trakai Castle (<http://www.lithuania.travel/en-gb/attractions/trakai-castle/17191>) or/and Karaim Ethnographic Museum (<http://www.trakaimuziejus.lt/s-shapshal-karaims-etnographic-museum>), also there will be possible to go boating for 30 min or more, etc. Prices for tickets are 2 euro (Karaim Ethnographic Museum), 8 euro (Trakai Castle), 5 or more euro (for boating) and the like. A guide (in English) in Trakai Castle costs 18 euro, in Karaim Ethnographic Museum 9 euro. In Trakai, mostly there is a possibility to pay both in cash or by card. There will be a possibility to buy any souvenirs, too.

Then we all will be taken to **Kernavė** for a sightseeing (on the way to Vilnius): <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/places-to-visit/around-vilnius/kernave/>. Also, there will be a possibility to buy some unique souvenirs (paying in cash or by card).

Finally, we come back to Vilnius at approx. 20:00-20:30. Our buses will stop near Presidential Palace (<http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/top-20/presidential-palace/>) or Vilnius Cathedral (<http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/places-to-visit/churches/cathedral-basilica/>).

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Dear participants and guests, photos and maybe, at some moments, videos will be taken during the Congress week by Congress organisers. Some photos or videos would be shared (announced) publicly (on Facebook, some websites, etc.). **If anybody does not agree to be shown/shared publicly in photos (or videos), please let us know via email sidg.lithuania@gmail.com.**

WEATHER

The weather is expected to be warm, around +25C, sometimes with some rain.

PUBLICATIONS

After the Congress, we will send you a list of scientific journals where you are welcome to publish your papers.

Looking forward to meeting you in Vilnius soon!

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<http://lki.lt/sidg-kongresas/>

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About VILNIUS: <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/top-20/>

Around VILNIUS: <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/en/what-to-see/around-vilnius-2/>