



**THE MESSOLONGHI BYRON SOCIETY**  
Research Center & Museum for Lord Byron and Philhellenism

## **TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

### **48<sup>th</sup> International Byron Conference**

### **Commemorating the Bicentennial of Lord Byron's Death**

**1-7 July 2024 Athens & Messolonghi, Greece**

**Theme: *Byron: The Pilgrim of Eternity***

The Organizing Committee of the 48<sup>th</sup> International Byron Conference of the IABS, 1-7 July 2024 would like to give you a general tentative programme. We reserve the right to make changes and will have a final programme to you later on.

### **Monday 1 July 2024**

**19:30** The Official Opening Ceremony will take place at the Great Hall of University of Athens (30 Panepistimiou Av).



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## **Tuesday 2 July 2024**

**10:00 – 12:00** The Athenian Session will start in the Old Parliament Chamber at the National Historical Museum of Athens.

**12:00 -12:20** Break

**12:30- 13:00** Cultural event (more details will be announced later).

**13:30- 14: 50** Visit to the Acropolis Museum

**15:00 – 19:30** Time free

**20:00** Reception—exact time and venue will be announced later.





The Old Parliament Chamber



The National Historical Museum (13 Stadiou Str)

## **Wednesday 3 July 2024**

**09:00** Departure by coach for Messolonghi; arrival at noon, lunch at the Radiomegaro restaurant, and then accommodation in your chosen Hotel Liberty or Theoxenia or airbnb rooms ( more details about booking will be announced later).

**16:30** Start of the Academic Programme in Messolonghi at the Building of the Region of Western Greece. All Academic Sessions until Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> will take place in this building in the Amphitheatre and the Council Chamber Room.



The building of the Region of Western Greece

**20:30 Cultural event ( more details will follow).**

**Night free.**

## **Thursday 4 July 2024**

**09:30 – 19:00 Academic Sessions**

**13:30 Lunch**

**19:00** Visit to the **Byron House**, the Headquarters of the Messolonghi Byron Society, to see its “Museum for Lord Byron



and Philhellenism” with its new permanent collections and “The Library of the Byron Research Center” with a new exhibition of artwork centering on BYRON by the distinguished photographer Maria Steffosi, called *“...Then look around, and choose thy Ground, and take thy rest”*. And more surprises will follow....in the Byron Center.



PLEASE NOTE, the BYRON HOUSE will be open 10:00 – 13:30 and 17:30 – 20:00 free of charge for all Participants of the 48<sup>th</sup> IBC.

### **Friday 5 July 2024**

**09:30 – 19:00** Academic Sessions

**13:30** lunch

**20:30** Gala dinner including Greek ethnic dances and music.

**Saturday 6 July 2024**

10:00 Visit to the Archaeological Museum “XENOKRATEION”, to the Garden of the Heroes and to other historical and important sites visited by BYRON.



The Garden of the Heroes, with Lord Byron's statue (1881).





The Archaeological Museum "XENOKRATEION"



View of the west part of Messolonghi, with the Byron Center.



Sunrise over the lagoon of Messolonghi

PLEASE NOTE: this is a tentative programme. Although the Messolonghi Byron Society has many potential options for cultural events and visits to other nearby towns, these cannot be finalized for the time being. The amount of leisure time available depends upon how many speakers will join the Conference. For this reason, the conference's final block of time remains unscheduled. The balance of academic sessions and additional excursions or cultural events will be determined after January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, deadline of the Call for Papers.