



FIEC/CA CONFERENCE 2019

This note outlines some of the planned arrangements for this joint conference to be held in London on 5-8 July 2019.

The Classical Association will not be operating its traditional programme of conference bursaries. Instead, the CA is making a £50,000 contribution to the Conference budget which will have the effect of reducing the basic conference fee to £195 and making it possible to offer a concessionary conference fee of just £48.

The concessionary conference fee will be made available to:

- registered students;
- postdocs not in academic employment;
- staff on temporary one-year or two-year academic contracts; and
- schoolteachers;

with no limit on numbers and (as this is a major international conference) irrespective of geography.

Applicants should register via the conference website www.fiec2019.org in the normal way; if they are claiming the concessionary rate, they will be asked to supply the email of a referee who can confirm their status (e.g. head of department, head teacher). Bookings will open in January. The above rates will apply to bookings made not later than 31 March 2019, late booking rates will be slightly higher.

The conference is at a time when student accommodation is available (from £46 a night) and when weekend discounts on hotel accommodation should be available; it is also expected that many attendees will be within commuting distance of central London or will have friends there with whom they can stay.

We would ask classics departments to publicise the conference among those who might benefit. We hope to attract a wider range of postgraduates to the conference (not just a limited number nominated by UK classics departments).

We would also make the point that we expect classics departments to arrange any necessary supplementary financial support for attendees. In the past, most bursary recipients have had just half of their costs (excluding travel) covered by the CA. On this occasion, the CA is providing its support in the form of the concessionary conference fee. This may be of particular importance in the case of postgraduates and early career researchers whose proposals for papers have been accepted by the Conference organisers; we do not expect that any of these should feel obliged to withdraw because of lack of necessary financial support.