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# National Information Seminar "The Bulgarian Cyril and Methodius Cultural Route – Part of the Cultural Route 'Saints Cyril and Methodius' of the Council of Europe"

November 26–27, 2024, Archaeological Museum "Veliki Preslav"

Under the Patronage of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria

## PROGRAM

November 26, Tuesday

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- 13:00–13:45** Participants registration and opening
- 14:00–15:30** **Panel Session: "Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe and the Cyril and Methodius Cultural Route among them"**
- Moderator:** Dr. Alexander Gorchev, Archaeological Museum "Veliki Preslav"
- Participants:** Eng. Yanko Yordanov, Mayor of Veliki Preslav Municipality  
Dr. Petar Miladinov, Ministry of Culture, Bulgaria's representative in the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe  
Representative of the Institute for Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe  
Prof. Dr. Slavia Barlieva, Cyril and Methodius Research Center at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences  
Prof. Dr. Todor Krastev, Honorary Chair of the Bulgarian National Committee of ICOMOS  
Academy member Prof. Dr. Ivan Ilchev, Head of the Center for Excellence "Heritage BG"  
Prof. Dr. Vasya Velinova, Director of the Center for Slavic-Byzantine Studies "Prof. Ivan Dujchev"  
Prof. Dr. Veselin Panayotov, Director of the "Preslav Literary School" Research Center at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski"
- 15:30–15:45** Coffee Break
- 15:45–17:00** **Panel Session: "Cyril and Methodius Heritage Beyond Bulgarian Lands"**
- Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Slavia Barlieva, Cyril and Methodius Research Center – BAS
- Participants:** Prof. Dr. Krasimir Stanchev, Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy  
Prof. Dr. Rumyana Zlatanova, Heidelberg University, Germany  
Martina Janohova, Association "European Cultural Route Cyril and Methodius," Zlin, Czech Republic  
Dr. Tomas Hraschcek, Moravian-Slovak Museum, Uherské Hradiště, Czech Republic



18:00–20:00

Opening of the Exhibition "**In the Footsteps of the Disciples – The Cyril and Methodius Cultural Route in Bulgaria**", authors: Slavia Barlieva, Elka Zlateva, Cyril and Methodius Research Center at BAS  
Opening of the Exhibition "**Blessed**" – Paintings Dedicated to the Nativity of Christ, Author: Konstantina Koleva, Shumen  
**Film Screening, and Reception**

**November 27, Wednesday**

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9:00–10:30

**Panel Session: "Cyril and Methodius Memory Sites in Bulgarian Culture"**

**Moderator:**

Dr. Elka Zlateva, Cyril and Methodius Research Center – BAS

**Participants:**

Dr. Alexander Gorchev, Archaeological Museum "Veliki Preslav"  
Prof. Dr. Veselin Panayotov, Director of the "Preslav Literary School" Research Center at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski"  
Dimitar Minev, Antoaneta Lesenska, Ivan Vazov National Library, Plovdiv  
Yana Karshiyska, Regional Library "P. K. Yavorov," Burgas  
Evgeni Georgiev, Regional Historical Museum, Ruse  
Vanya Borisova, Stoyan Georgiev, Regional Library "Stilian Chilingirov," Shumen

10:30–10:45

Coffee Break

10:45–12:00

**Panel Session: "Cyril and Methodius Heritage as a Site for Pilgrimage, Cultural, and Educational Tourism"**

**Moderator:**

Prof. Dr. Ivan Ivanov, Faculty of Theology, Sofia University

**Participants:**

Representative of the Varna and Veliki Preslav Metropolitanate  
Representative of the Ministry of Tourism  
Prof. Dr. Spartak Paskolevski, Laboratory for Iconography and Semiotics at Shumen University "Episkop Konstantin Preslavski"  
Dr. Kristina Kapitanova, "The Light of the Letters" Initiative, Novi Pazar  
Deyan Katliev, Velowebweekend  
Dr. Pascal Piperkov, Evgeni Koev, Pilgrimage Hike "The Holy Path"  
Representatives of the municipalities of Shumen, Veliki Preslav, Lovech, Provadiya, Opaka, Novi Pazar, Kaspichan, Smyadovo, and others

12:00–12:15

Short Lunch Break

12:30–17:00

**Field Session: "Opportunities for Integrating Developed and Undeveloped Sites into the Cultural Route of Cyril and Methodius"**

At the Patleina Reserve, St. Pantaleon Monastery, and the Great Basilica at NIAR "Pliska"

**Moderator:**

Anelia Atanasova, Archaeological Museum "Veliki Preslav"

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