IACS 2016
First Call for Papers

The International Association for Cognitive Semiotics and
Institute of Philosophy, Maria Curie Sklodowska University in Lublin
are proud to announce:

The Second Conference of the **International Association for Cognitive Semiotics** (IACS)

June 20-22, 2016
Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland

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Plenary sperakers confirmed up to now:
* Eva **Jablonka**, Tel Aviv University, http://humanities.tau.ac.il/segel/jablonka/
* Simon **Kirby**, Edinburgh University, http://www.lel.ed.ac.uk/~simon/
* Esther **Pascual**, Zhejiang University, http://estherpascual.com
* Frederik **Stjernfelt**, University of Copenhagen, http://kunstogkulturvidenskab.ku.dk/ansatte/?pure=da/persons/32581

Cognitive Semiotics as a field of study deals with questions concerning the nature of meaning as well as the role of consciousness, the unique cognitive features of human beings, the interaction of nature and nurture in development, and the interplay of biological and cultural evolution in phylogeny. To answer these questions CS integrates methods and theories developed in the human and social sciences as well as cognitive sciences. The **International Association for Cognitive Semiotics** (IACS, founded 2013) aims at the establishment of Cognitive Semiotics as the trans-disciplinary study of meaning. More information on the International Association for Cognitive Semiotics can be found at: http://iacs.dk

One of the goals of the **IACS conference series** is to gather together scholars and scientists in semiotics, linguistics, philosophy, cognitive science, psychology and related fields, who wish to share their research on meaning and contribute the interdisciplinary dialogue

Topics of the conference include (but are not limited to):

* Biological and cultural evolution of human cognitive specificity
* Cognitive linguistics and phenomenology
* Communication across cultural barriers
* Cross-species comparative semiotics
* Evolutionary perspectives on altruism
* Experimental semiotics
* Iconicity in language and other semiotic resources
* Intersubjectivity and mimesis in evolution and development
* Multimodality
* Narrativity across different media
* Semantic typology and linguistic relativity
* Semiosis (sense-making) in social interaction
* Semiotic and cognitive development in children

- Sign use and cognition
- Signs, affordances, and other meanings
- Speech and gesture
- The comparative semiotics of iconicity and indexicality
- The evolution of language

We invite abstract submissions for theme sessions, oral presentations and posters (please clearly indicate your chosen format with your submission)

Submission guidelines and formats:

* **Theme sessions** (deadline: **30 Nov** 2015)
- a submission should include: session title, name and affiliation of symposium convener, an introduction of up to 400 words explaining the theme, all symposium abstracts, in suitable order.
- a theme session may consist of 3-5 papers (90-150 min.), allowing time for general discussion. Papers in each theme session should be thematically linked.
Theme session proposers should indicate whether, if a session is not accepted as a whole, they wish the individual abstracts to be considered as individual presentations (oral or poster)

• **Oral presentations** (deadline: **10 Jan** 2016)
- a submission should include: title, name, affiliation, 400 word abstract
- 20 min presentation followed by 7 minute discussion

• **Posters** (deadline: **10 Jan** 2016)
- a submission should include: title, name, affiliation, 100 word abstract
- 1 minute oral presentation in the main lecture hall, preceding the poster session

Abstracts should be submitted as **.odt** , **.doc** or **.docx** attachments using
EasyChair: https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=iacs2016. In order to submit an abstract you have to use your existing EasyChair account or register using the link above. Detailed instructions can be found on the IACS 2016 conference website: http://iacs2016.umcs.lublin.pl/participation

In the case of questions or doubts do not hesitate to contact the Organizers: iacs2016[at]bacon.umcs.lublin.pl

Important dates
1 Deadline for submission of theme sessions: 30 Nov 2015
2 Deadline for abstract submission (oral presentations, posters): 10 Jan 2016
3 Notification of acceptance (oral presentations, posters): 29 Feb 2016
4 Last date for early registration: 15 Apr 2016

About Maria Curie-Sklodowska University (UMCS)
Established as a university in 1944, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) in Lublin is the biggest publicly-funded university east of the Vistula river. As an institution with deep roots in the region, it has been fulfilling its culture- and opinion-forming role and significantly contributing to the creation of knowledge-based economy for nearly 70 years. Up to this date, the Alma Mater has produced over 210,000 graduates.

The city of **Lublin** – the capital of the Lubelskie Region – is the largest (ca. 350 000 inhabitants) and the fastest developing city on the right side of the Vistula River. Established almost 700 years ago, the town boasts its history and monuments of architecture that are unique on a national and European scale. It is also the largest academic centre in eastern Poland and one of the most important cultural centers in Poland. Now, Lublin is called "the gate to the East" due to its rich cultural, political and informal contacts with Ukraine and Belarus.