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Revival of a Commission for Historical Geography at the AIEB

Esteemed Presidency of the AIEB,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Historical Geography is an important and continually evolving discipline in the field of Byzantine Studies; significant contributions were made by scholars working at the *Austrian Academy of Sciences* in Vienna, under the auspices of the Professors Herbert Hunger and Johannes Koder since the 1960s. Considering the fact that the former *Commission for Historical Geography* at the AIEB, which was founded in 1973, gradually ceased to exist in the last decades, as President of the Austrian Committee for Byzantine Studies I am writing to suggest a revival of this Commission. With respect to the methodological improvements of the last decade I propose that the AIEB consider the installation of a **“Commission for the Historical Geography and Spatial Analysis of Byzantium”**. I would be delighted if this proposal would be included in the administrative sessions of the AIEB at the 23rd International Congress of Byzantine Studies in Belgrade (22–27 August 2016).

As members of this new Commission I would like to suggest the following scholars, all of them national and international experts in the field of the historical geography of Byzantium (in alphabetical order):

- 1) Stanoje Bojanin, Belgrade
- 2) John Haldon, Princeton, NJ
- 3) Ine Jacobs, Oxford
- 4) Johannes Koder, Vienna
- 5) Andreas Külzer, Vienna
- 6) Samuel Lieu, Sydney, Australia
- 7) Kiril Marinov, Sofia-Łódź
- 8) Mihailo Popović, Vienna
- 9) Helen Saradi, Kalamata
- 10) Mustafa H. Sayar, Istanbul
- 11) Richard J. A. Talbert, Chapell Hill, NC
- 12) Myrto Veikou, Uppsala

Yours sincerely,

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