



Dear Colleague,

We would like to express our gratitude for your interest in the XI. International Congress of Hittitology, which was previously announced to be held between **August 31 September 06, 2020** in Çorum. We glad that many scholars expressed genuine interest in attending and presenting their papers in the Congress.

We have been going through a challenging period together over the past couple of months due to alarming worldwide escalation of COVID-19 pandemic. Many national and international noteworthy events have been cancelled or postponed worldwide. I previously assumed that the XI. International Congress of Hittitology could take place on its announced dates. However, considering the recent situation, it would be appropriate to postpone the congress in order not to interrupt the measures taken by governments and health authorities. Indeed, the fact that the congress has many participants from abroad and overseas travel has become serious concern during this period.

We regret to inform you that the XI. International Congress of Hittitology has been postponed to September 06-12, 2021.

Accordingly, **XII. International Hittitology Congress** is now scheduled to be held in **2023** and **XIII. International Hittitology Congress** will traditionally be hosted in **Çorum** again in **2026**.

In these difficult times, on the behalf of organizing committee, we would like to send you a message of encouragement and hope.

Together, we will overcome this situation.

Best Regards.

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