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Scientific Representatives
of the Institutions promoting the
'INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR STUDIES ON
HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ADRIATIC - CISA'

Dear Colleague,

an interdisciplinary team from the University of Bari Aldo Moro is coordinating the research project '*Olive and oil in the Mediterranean basin from Prehistory to the Middle Ages: cultural, productive, historical, functional aspects*'. This commitment is supported by 'Horizon Europe Seeds' and is calibrated on the census and study of sources and evidence of the olive production chain in the indicated sector, with particular reference to the Adriatic area: olive tree cultivation; production of olive trees and olives; socio-cultural aspects of the olive tree and oil (from trade to use: transport, food, religion, cosmetics, painting, lighting, therapy, ...).

The opportunity to set up a profitable network of relationships and comparisons within the scientific community has suggested organizing a seminar that is intended to be celebrated on 16-17th May 2023, in Bari, and which has a dual purpose. The first session provides for the presentation of short speeches (each lasting 20 minutes), linked to the general theme and declined in reference to a specific territorial area chosen by the speaker (e.g., '*Olive production chain in Roman age Istria*' or '*Olive oil production in the south-eastern Adriatic from the Archaic to the Hellenistic period*' or '*Olive and olive oil in northern Africa between the Roman period and the early Middle Age*' or '*Olive tree domestication paths and identification processes of olive oil plants in the central-eastern Mediterranean in the Protohistoric age*', etc.). The second session welcomes the 'working group'/'round table' in which the speakers – who had already proposed a lecture in the first session – are invited to share and discuss contents, ideas, advices, operational cues and innovative suggestions for setting up a cohesive and common research project on the 'olive and olive oil production chain theme in the ancient

Mediterranean', in order to apply it, in coming months, to competitive invitations to tenders, financed by Institutions with an international profile ('POR', 'InterReg', 'EU_ERC', 'EU_Horizon', 'EU_Erasmus+', *et similia*).

Therefore we would be honoured to count on your precious contribution to propose during the 'double' seminar, for which the Organizing Committee guarantees the travel and accommodation of the speakers, foreseeing your arrival in Bari on Monday 15th and the departure for Thursday 18th May.

Hoping you decide to participate at the conference, we kindly ask you to acknowledge our invitation and, please, provide the title of your speech by 20th February.

The Technical Secretariat will progressively offer scientific and logistical information on the developments of the initiative.

Thanks for the attention you dedicate to our request, we steadily hope for our collaboration soon, we send our cordial greetings.

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