Dear All,

We invite you to participate in the International Symposium *The Romanian Cultural Diaspora – Linguistic, Literary and Ethno-folkloric Paradigms*, organized by the "A. Philippide" Institute of Romanian Philology – the Iasi Branch of the Romanian Academy and by the "A. Philippide" Cultural Association, Iasi, Romania, on 5-7 November 2009. We shall be deeply honoured if you will accept to participate. We mention that this is the 8-th International Symposium organized by the "A. Philippide" Institute of Romanian Philology.

The symposium will have several sections focusing on the contemporary migratory phenomenon approached from different angles (cultural, educational, academic, spiritual as well as economic and social).

We shall also organize a section meant to debate the problems encountered by the Romanian departments in foreign universities, by the Romanian cultural institutes as well as by Romanian schools and churches for the diaspora as main institutions engaged in the process of promoting Romanian culture abroad.

A workshop will be part of the symposium, too. The title of the workshop is *Cultural Migration vs. the Culture of Migration – Contemporary Circuits, Practices and Metamorphoses of Romanian Migration.*

The languages of the papers: Romanian, English or French.

The participation fee is 45 Euros; the attendance without presentation of papers is free of charge. The fee will be paid in the "A. Philippide" Cultural Association account. The participation fee includes the publication of the book with the papers delivered at the symposium, the expenses for sending the book to the participants, certificates of attendance, refreshments during breaks, the cocktail reception, a guided trip by bus across the city of Iasi and to the monasteries on the hills surrounding the city.

The fee does not include travel and accommodation expenses.

You are kindly asked to send the title and the abstract of your paper to the Organizing Committee **by 15 February 2009**. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. You are expected to send an abstract of 20 lines or more accompanied by a (basic) reference list. You will receive the decision of the Scientific Committee by **15 March 2009**.

All the participants are kindly asked to bring **books** written or edited by them and **journals** with their articles in order to be displayed at the symposium exhibition.

The program of the symposium will be posted on the site of the "A. Philippide" Institute of Romanian Philology: http://iit.iit.tuiasi.ro/philippide

Additional details will be provided once you have completed the registration process.

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