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The Centre for the Greek Language is organizing an

International Conference on Ancient Greek Dialects Thessaloniki (Greece), May 10-13, 2015

The emphasis will be on the linguistic map of Central and Northern Greece in antiquity (from the beginnings up to the Roman period). More specifically, the conference will focus on the dialect map of Central and Northern Greece, i.e. Thessaly, Boeotia, Aetolia, Epirus, Macedonia, Thrace, and the islands of Northern Aegean along with the coast of Asia Minor. There will also be room for a general account of the overall linguistic picture of ancient Balkan languages that form the framework within which Greek was placed and operated. The papers can deal with all aspects of the linguistic make-up of the area under investigation and with all types of evidence: epigraphic, textual, lexicographical, onomastics and other information that attest to the linguistic map of the area, as well as intra-dialect variations and/or sub-divisions, and relations of Greek to other languages of the wider vicinity. A comparative view as to the way the various dialects interact with one another is welcome, as are also a sociolinguistic approach to the dialects investigated, various strata and/or substrata observed, dialectal and/or language admixture, attitudes to the dialects, language policies, etc.

The opening of the conference will take place on Sunday afternoon (May 10th), whereas in the final day an excursion to ancient sites will be organized (the choices are plenty from among Vergina, Pella, Dion, Philippi, etc.).

The language of the Conference will be English.

The Centre will cover the cost of hotel accommodation for up to four days and for the visit to the archaeological site during the last day.

Please let us know in the earliest possible time (**but no later than June 30, 2014**) that you intend to participate with a 20-minute presentation. You may address your inquiries to:

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