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STORIES OF PAPER IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

The Paper Watermarks of the General State Archives (G.S.A.)

The watermarks found in historic documents are a source of research for historians, archivists, paleographers, book and paper conservators, establishing at the same time a new perspective towards the search of information in general. Simple or more sophisticated patterns, symbols, dates, words or letters hidden behind the text can be seen when a document is faced against light, revealing a series of stories about the production and the origin of the paper, trade and finance.

The **Conservation and Reproduction Department of the G.S.A. (Central Service)** organizes a one - day conference meeting entitled: “**stories of paper in the digital world: watermarks of the General State Archives**”. The first session will deal with the watermarks in general, as they were found in the Fonds of the G.S.A. after thorough research in the Ioannis Kapodistrias archive. The results of the study of the watermarks in the historic framework of the first half of the 19th c. will also be discussed. In the second session, information concerning the construction of the digital watermark database and its incorporation with the new G.S.A. website will be presented. Representative examples of digitized original archival material will be presented to highlight certain watermarks with historical and artistic interest, taken from the Fonds of the Central Services of the G.S.A. and the Historical Archive of Macedonia.

It is worth mentioning that distinguished scientists from the Ionian University, the National Bank of Greece Cultural Foundation and the internationally recognized watermark database Bernstein, Memory of paper, by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, will participate in the event.

The conference will take place on **Friday, December 14th 2018, 10.00 p.m. at the G.S.A. Central Service**, 61 Dafnis str., P. Psychico. Participation is free of charge. Priority order will be kept. (Contact details tel: 210 6782278, 9.30 – 15.00).



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