THE 2020 IBERO-AMERICAN CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF FURNITURE

The Association for Furniture Studies is proud to be hosting the third bi-annual Congress on the History of Furniture from September 16–19, 2020 at the Design Museum in Barcelona.

2020 THEME: CONNECTIONS

Connections will be the central theme of the 2020 Congress, which will focus on temporal, spatial, material and formal connections within the history of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American furniture from antiquity to modern day.
OBJECTIVES FOR 2020

KNOWLEDGE
• Increase knowledge and social awareness around the heritage of furniture by looking at the influence of craftsmanship and furniture production within and between the Spanish and Portuguese speaking worlds.

RESEARCH
• Make the latest studies in Ibero-American furniture research more accessible and widely publicised to provide a better understanding of the historical, cultural and economic conditions that laid the foundations for the evolution of the these works.

NEW INTEREST
• Encourage new research and interest in Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American furniture, ranging from antique through to contemporary, by highlighting significant works and conducting an in-depth exploration of the intricate connections between artistic practices.

Members of the scientific committee comes from over 12 countries including: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Colombia Germany, Portugal and the UK.
KEY HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020

The third edition of the Congress will be held in recognition of the lifetime achievement of Mariá Paz Águiló Alonso, a leading specialist in Spanish furniture studies.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

• The Congress will be hosted in English as well as in Spanish/Portuguese, opening the bi-annual Congress up to a more international audience for the first time
• Over 31 leading specialists, academics and historians have been invited to present new research and ‘connections’ at the 2020 Congress
• One afternoon will be hosted at the private home and museum-quality collection of the renowned Ramón Pla Armengol Foundation
• The 2020 Congress will be held in collaboration with the GRACMON group at the University of Barcelona
• Research, findings and presentations of the 2020 Congress will be published and made publicly available through the University of Oviedo