



5th International Colloquium of Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology (ICGHV5) 2026 – Vilnius, Lithuania

Date: May 22–23 2026.

Venues: The 5th International Colloquium of Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology (ICGHV5) will be held at the National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (4 Cathedral Square in Vilnius, www.valdovurumai.lt).

Theme of the colloquium: “The State and Noble Families: Political, Social, and Cultural Heritage”.

Languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish and Lithuanian.

Organizer: Institute of Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology (GHVI, www.ghvi.lt).

Patrons: International Confederation of Genealogy and Heraldry (www.cigh.info), International Academy of Genealogy (www.geneacademie.org).

Call for papers: Proposals must be submitted in the language chosen for the presentation, as well as in English, and should consist of an abstract of less than 400 words. Each abstract must be accompanied by a brief CV of the lecturer (less than 100 words). Please send your proposal before January 15 2026, in both English and the chosen language, to the following email address: info@ghvi.lt

Approval of papers: The selected lecturers will be notified individually before March 1 2026. The final paper, with a maximum length of 15 pages in Word (Times New Roman 12), must be sent by the lecturer, in the chosen language, before April 1 2026.

Presentation of papers: The Institute of Genealogy, Heraldry, and Vexillology of Lithuania (IGHV) will announce the date and time for the presentation of each paper. A maximum of 20 minutes will be allocated for each presentation, with an additional 5 minutes for questions from the audience and answers from the lecturer.

Publication of papers: The proceedings of this international colloquium (ICGHV5) will be published in the journal “Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology”, both in traditional printed format (for a fee) and in digital format (distributed free of charge to the lecturers).

Certificate of participation: Upon request, certificates will be issued by the Institute of Genealogy, Heraldry and Vexillology of Lithuania (IGHV).

Participation fees: Participation in the academic activities is free of charge.

Dress code: Correct formal clothes for all participants (lecturers and attendees), both on site and online.

Vendor hall information: To encourage dialogue among scholars of genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology and to foster a strong sense of fellowship and experience for participants, we invite heraldic artists, as well as organizations and schools specializing in genealogy, heraldry, and vexillology, to present their work and activities at ICGHV5. We will provide a designated space, table, and other necessary arrangements. If you wish to participate, please inform us by email at info@ghvi.lt before April 1 2026.

Gala dinner: May 23 2026 at the “Valdovai” restaurant, at the National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (4 Cathedral Square in Vilnius, www.facebook.com/valdovai.restaurant). There will be a participation fee of € 100. *Dress code: evening dress with decorations (miniatures recommended). Gentlemen are invited to wear white tie. Black tie, mess dress, dark suit and national costume could also be worn.*

Excursion: A tour of the Old Town of Vilnius will be offered to all participants and accompanying persons (May 22 2026).

Future announcements: The next notice to participants will be sent on March 15 2026. It will present the detailed programme, the latest news about registration, excursions and other activities, as well as any other useful information. All this data will be available on the www.icghv.com website, which will be regularly updated.

Organizing committee: Dr Palmira Zemlevičiūtė, Paulius Vaniuchinas, Remigijus Bimba.

Scientific committee: Dr Liliana Narkowicz, Dr Sigitas Narbutas, doc. Dr Tomas Čelkis.