**"Annual Colloquium of the SIEPM: A Question of Life and Death. Living and Dying in Medieval Latin Philosophy, 1200 - 1500"**

Dear colleagues and friends,

You are cordially invited to the 23rd **annual Colloquium of the SIEPM** (Société Internationale pour l’Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale), which takes place **11-12 October 2018** at the Institute of Philosophy in Leuven. The theme of the conference is **“A Question of Life and Death. Living and Dying in Medieval Latin Philosophy, 1200-1500”**.

Living and dying are essential concepts in Aristotelian natural philosophy and psychology. It is then no surprise that, when the *libri naturales* were translated into Latin from the twelfth century onwards, this gave birth to an extensive interpretative tradition in the Latin West, in which life and death as conceived by Aristotle were theorized and reflected upon, for example in the numerous commentaries on the *De anima* but also on the *Parva Naturalia*. Yet, medieval inquiry into living and dying is not limited to natural philosophy nor to the Aristotelian tradition, but can also be found in ethics, metaphysics, theology, and medicine, and in other domains.

The purpose of the fourteen papers presented during the conference is then to study the way in which medieval Latin authors interpreted, elaborated, and questioned the Aristotelian theories of living and dying in the realm of natural philosophy. At the same time, they intend to put this Latin interpretative tradition in a broader context. This also includes papers that intend to compare Aristotelian and non-Aristotelian concepts of living and dying, or that study the way in which natural philosophical views on life and death are related to or used in other (e.g. metaphysical, ethical, theological, or medical) theories.

Participation is free, but please **register before 3 October 2018** by sending an email to siepm@kuleuven.be. Please indicate which sessions you are planning to attend.

(The program can be found in the other attachment.)