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It is Sofia’s turn to host the 2016 Bulgarian-Northern American conference in the field of Bulgarian Studies. The topic of this conference, “Beyond the Borders”, invites various perceptions of “borders” (disciplinary, historical, cultural, national, etc.) and their interpretation as liminal spaces of distancing, interaction and transformation.

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Participation will be confirmed by April 30, 2016. All American participants will be provided with free room and board. The working language of the conference is English.

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