



## **Dakhleh Oasis Project**

### **Sixth International Conference “New Perspectives on the Western Desert of Egypt”**

#### **Second Circular**

#### **Place And Dates**

The 6th International Conference of the Dakhleh Oasis Project will take place in Lecce (Italy) from Sunday, **September 20th** to Thursday, **September 24th, 2009**.

On-site check-in will begin Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 pm in the main hall of Hotel Tiziano, Viale Porta d'Europa, Lecce, ten minutes walk from the city centre.

The Opening Ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm at Hotel Tiziano. The organizing committee will host a welcoming reception immediately following the ceremony.

The working sessions of the Conference will begin on Monday, September 21st at 9:00 am and will end on Thursday, September 24th afternoon. All sessions will be held in Hotel Tiziano.

Tuesday, September 22nd a gala dinner will take place at Hotel Tiziano's restaurant.

#### **Conference Program**

All papers and communications should be in one of the four languages generally used at international archaeological and papyrological conferences (English, French, German or Italian).

So far we have received 62 proposals for papers and 5 for posters. Submission of new papers has been closed at the end of September 2008.

Papers will be grouped according to topic and should not exceed 20 minutes. Each one will be followed by a 10 minutes discussion.

The preliminary division of sessions is:

- Surveys
- Environment
- Oases in Pharaonic and Ptolemaic periods
- Prehistory
- Rock art
- Fayyum

- Roman presence and late antique sites
- Christianity and Christian sites in the oases
- Egyptian temples and religion
- Textual finds
- Islamic period
- Conservation and technologies

Posters should be presented on Monday, September 21st beginning at 8:00 am at the Conference Desk in the main hall of Hotel Tiziano. Posters will be displayed for the duration of the Conference. Posters will be listed in the proceedings of the Conference but not reproduced.

### **Guidelines for Presentations and Abstracts**

Participants wishing to deliver papers or present a poster are required to submit an abstract by **December 31st 2008**. Abstract must be sent at [info@dop2009.org](mailto:info@dop2009.org)

### **Abstract Requirements**

Title of paper, author's name, institution, complete contact information

The maximum length for the abstract is 250 words. Please use 12 points Times New Roman font for Latin characters. The abstract text should not include subheadings, tables, figures or references and preferably should be written as one paragraph.

All participants giving papers or presenting a poster should also include a short *curriculum vitae* for the chairpersons.

When submitting abstracts please indicate any audio/visual needs you will require (slide projector, overhead projector, video recorder or required equipment for computer presentations).

All abstracts are subject to review by the Conference Committee. Submitters will be notified by March 30th 2009. A summary of abstracts will be included in the conference information packets.

### **Proceedings**

Detailed information on submissions for the proceedings will be included in the participant packets. All questions concerning the programme and the abstracts should be directed to the organizers by e-mail to: [info@dop2009.org](mailto:info@dop2009.org)

## Conference Registration And Fees

A registration form and information about the fee payment will be available on-line at <http://www.dop2009.org> beginning January 1st, 2009.

Pre-registered users will be requested to confirm their registration.

The early registration deadline, with reduced fees, is June 30th 2009.

Fees (Euro):

Scholars holding academic appointments: 100 (early birds 80)

Retired and unwaged scholars: 80 (early birds 60)

Companions: 80 (early birds 60)

Students: 30 (plus 40 for the gala dinner, optional)

Fee will include coffee breaks, gala dinner and conference packet.

## Traveling To The Conference

Lecce is served by Brindisi Airport which is located about 30 km north of Lecce (<http://www.aeroportoibrindisi.com> or <http://www.seap-puglia.it>).

There are several daily flights from London Stansted, Zurich, Milano Linate, Milano Malpensa, Milano Orio al Serio (Bergamo), Roma, Bologna, Venezia.

Participants will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the airport.

Airport shuttles to Lecce leave from the parking area. Tickets can be purchased at the information desk. The trip lasts about 45 minutes. Lecce city terminal is located just beside Hotel Tiziano. More information on schedule will be published on the web site.

Taxi trip should cost about 50-60 € (<http://www.torresangiovanni.it/taxi>).

Lecce can be reached by train from the main Italian cities. Direct connections are available from Roma, Milano, Torino, Bologna, Bari. Sleeping cars (single, double or triple) and sleeping berths are available on night trains (<http://www.trenitalia.com>).

## Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own reservations by contacting hotels or B&B.

Hotel Tiziano (<http://www.grandhoteltiziano.it>) offers discounted rates for the Conference participants:

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| Single room           | 80 €  |
| Superior single room  | 90 €  |
| Double room           | 120 € |
| Superior double room  | 135 € |
| Executive double room | 155 € |

Please reference "DOP Sixth International Conference" when making your reservation in writing at [info@grandhoteltiziano.it](mailto:info@grandhoteltiziano.it) or sending a fax to +39 0832 272111.

Price includes breakfast buffet, garage, national newspaper, swimming pool, city-bike.

Many other Hotels and Bed and Breakfast are available in Lecce. More information on Conference' web site <http://www.dop2009.org>

## Excursions

A walking tour of Lecce and a day trip to Otranto (Friday 25th) are being considered. Further information on dates and costs will be available in the future.



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