



Dakhleh Oasis Project

Sixth International Conference “New Perspectives on the Western Desert of Egypt” Lecce, 20-24 September 2009

Provisional programme (3 August 2009)

SUNDAY 20.9.2009

Opening ceremony: 6pm

Dr. P. Perrone, Mayor of Lecce

Dr. Zahi Hawass, Secretary-General, Supreme Council of Antiquities

Prof. D. Laforgia, Dean, Università del Salento

Prof. A. J. Mills, Dakhleh Oasis Project

Dr. C. A. Hope, Monash University

Prof. P. Davoli, Università del Salento

Prof. M. Capasso, Università del Salento

Opening reception cocktail

MONDAY 21.9.2009

Surveys and environmental topics. Chairman: A.J. Mills

09:00 M. Wuttmann: *La prospection de l'oasis de Kharga*

09:30 S. Ikram: *Exploration of the Darb Ain Amur*

10:00 B. E. Barich, M. Crespi, U. Fabiani, G. Lucarini: *Geomatics Resources for Archaeological Survey in Desert Areas – Some Prospects from Farafra Oasis*

10:30 R. Kuper, H. Riemer: *The Gilf Kebir National Park – Challenge and Change for Archaeology*

Coffee break

11:30 G. Tallet: *The Survey Project at El Deir, Kharga Oasis: First Results, New Hypotheses*

12:00 C. S. Churcher: *Collection and Interpretation of Archaeofaunal Materials from Archaeological Sites*

12:30 U. Thanheiser: *Times and Change: Subsistence Strategies in the Early and Middle Holocene in Dakhleh Oasis*

Lunch

The Oases in Pharaonic and Ptolemaic Periods. Chairman: O.E. Kaper

15:00 A. J. Mills: *Recent Fieldwork at Ain el-Gazzareen*

15:30 A. Pettman: *The Date of Ain el-Gazzareen as Determined by an Examination of the Ceramic Material*

16:00 E. Morris: *Activities at Amheida from Prehistory until the First Intermediate Period*

Coffee break

17:00 Maher Bashendi: *The Necropoleis of the Dakhleh Oasis*

17:30 L. Pantalacci: *Animals and Meat Consumption in Ancient Balat at the end of the Old Kingdom*

18:00 C. A. Hope: *Recent excavations at Mut el-Kharab, Dakhleh Oasis*

18:30 J. Gill: *A Study of Ptolemaic Period Ceramics from Mut el-Kharab, Dakhleh Oasis*

Gala dinner 20:30

TUESDAY 22.9.2009

Prehistory. Chairman: C.A. Hope

09:00 M. McDonald: *Dakhleh and Kharga Oases in Late Prehistory*

09:30 B. E. Barich: *The Culture of the Oases: Late Neolithic Herders in Farafra - a Matter of Identity*

10:00 G. Lucarini: *Early Craftsmen of the Desert. Clues of Predynastic Lithic Technology in the Late Neolithic of Farafra*

10:30 G. Mutri: *Stratigraphic Evidence for MSA Finds at Sheikh el-Obeiyd, Northern Farafra Depression*

Coffee break

11:30 M. Gatto: *Beyond the Shale: Pottery and Cultures in the Prehistory of the Egyptian Western Desert*

12:00 M. C. Wiseman: *The Khargan Industry Revisited*

12:30 M. Kleindienst: *Results of Survey for Pleistocene Cultural Evidence from Dakhleh Oasis, 1978-79 to 2008-09 Field Seasons: Summary of Evidence and New Geoarchaeological Interpretations*

Lunch

Afternoon concurrent sessions

1) Sala Bernini (conference main hall)

Rock art. Chairman: M. McDonald

15:00 A. Zboray: *Rock Art at Jebel Uweinat*

15:30 D. James: *Stepping from Winkler's Shadow: an Analysis of Rock-Art Classification at Dakhleh Oasis*

16:00 D. Zampetti: *Iconography and Techniques in the Rock Art of the Tadrart Acacus and Messak Settafet (Libyan Sahara)*

Coffee break

Recent researches on the Kharga Oasis. Chairman: S. Ikram

17:00 Bahgat Ahmed: *Archaeological Sites in the Kharga Oasis*

17:30 F. Dunand, J.-L. Heim, R. Lichtenberg: *Les nécropoles d'El-Deir (oasis de Kharga)*

18:00 D. Darnell: *Pottery of Ghueita (MK-2IP-NK)*

18:30 J. Darnell: *Cedar of the West, Products of Bahariya, and Divine Offerings for Thebes: the Trade Relations of Gebel Ghueita in Kharga Oasis*

2) Sala Donatello

Papyrology and archaeology at El-Fayyum. Chairman: P. Davoli

15:00 M. Capasso: *La cultura letteraria Greca nel Fayyum di età Ellenistica e Romana*

15:30 N. Pellé: *Tra scuola e filologia: la ricezione delle Historiae tucididee nel Fayyum*

16:00 T. Derda: *New Greek Papyri from Deir el-Naqlun (El-Fayyum)*

Coffee break

17:00 G. Azzarello: *New Texts from the Archive of Epagathos*

17:30 Ashraf Senussi: *Making Pottery in Fayyum: an Ethnoarchaeological Study*

WEDNESDAY 23.9.2009

Egyptian temples and religion. Chairman: J. Darnell

09:00 O. Kaper: *The Reconstruction of the Temple of Thoth at Amheida*

09:30 D. Klotz: *Yale University Nadura Temple Project, 2009 Season*

10:00 A. Zielinski: *Archaeological exploration and conservation measures at Ayn Birbiyeh site, Dakhleh Oasis*

Coffee break

Textual finds. Chairman: F. Leemhuis

11:00 R. Bagnall, R. Cribiore: *Christianity on Thoth's Hill at Amheida*

11:30 I. Gardner: *The Coptic Ostraca from Qasr el-Dakhleh (2007-09)*

12:00 G. Vittmann: *New Texts in Demotic and Abnormal Hieratic from Mut el-Kharab, Dakhleh Oasis*

12:30 F. Reiter: *New Ostraka from Tebtynis*

Lunch

Christianity and Christian sites in the Oases. Chairman: R.S. Bagnall

15:00 N. Aravecchia: *The Church Complex of Ain el-Gedida, Dakhleh Oasis*

15:30 D. Dixneuf: *Ain el-Gedida (oasis de Dakhleh). La céramique du IVe siècle*

16:00 G. Bowen: *The Church of Deir Abu Metta and its Associated Structures: a Preliminary Report*

Coffee break

17:00 M. Coudert, F. Letellier-Willemin: *The Christian Necropolis of El-Deir in the North of Kharga Oasis*

17:30 V. Ghica, D. Dixneuf: *Darb al-Ghubbari. Between the End of the Roman Occupation and the Fatimid Caliphate*

18:00 W. Godlewski: *The Earliest Hermitages in the Fayyum*

THURSDAY 24.9.2009

Roman presence and late antique sites. Chairman: F. Dunand

09:00 P. Davoli: *Amheida 2007-2009. New Results from the Excavations*

09:30 P. Kucera: *Al-Qasr, the Roman castra of Dakhleh Oasis*

10:00 R. Livingstone: *The Textiles from Kellis*

10:30 T. L. Dupras, S.M. Wheeler: *Children and Childhood in Kellis: a Bioarchaeological Approach*

Coffee break

11:30 H. Whitehouse: *Vine and Acanthus: Decorative Themes in the Dakhleh Oasis and Beyond*

12:00 E. Ferron: *Roman Adaptation to the Environmental Particularities of the Integrated Regions to its Empire: the Example of the Oases of Kharga and Dakhleh*

12:30 C. Rossi: *The Distribution of Late-Roman 'Forts' in Northern Kharga*

Lunch

Islamic Period. Chairman: W. Godlewski

15:00 Ahmed Salem: *SCA Excavations at al-Qasr*

15:30 F. Leemhuis: *Letters from al-Qasr. Glimpses into the Life of the Qurashi Family in the 19th and the early 20th Century*

16:00 A. Lyzwa-Piber: *Progress in the Study of the Pottery from al-Qasr*

Coffee break

Conservation and technologies. Chairman: M. Wuttmann

17:00 C. Silver: *Mural Painting and Plaster Conservation in the Dakhleh Oasis: a Summary of Conservation Problems and the Status of Conservation Treatments*

17:30 N. Warner: *Amheida: Architectural Conservation and Presentation Works 2006-2009*

18:00 B. Bazzani: *A New Database for Recording Excavation Data*

18:30 Conclusions

POSTERS

M. Cremaschi, S. Occhi, C. Pizzi: *The Graeco-Roman Palaeo-Oasis of Dime: Origin, Apogee and Decline*

C. Lord: *A Histological Investigation of Two Individuals from the Kellis Cemetery*

R. Montgomerie: *A Histological Examination of Preserved Lung Tissues from Dakhleh Oasis Mummies*

F. Pavia, S. Maggioni: *Topographical and Tri-dimensional Modeling of Amheida, Dakhleh Oasis*

M. E. Peroschi: *Wadi Abd el-Malik: Highlights from our Explorations*

A. K. Rieger, T. Vetter, H. Möller: *Man and Landscape in the Marmarica (Northern Libyan Desert)*

M. Winiarska-Kabacińska: *Function of Chipped Stone Tools from Old Kingdom Site at Ain el-Gazzareen, Dakhleh Oasis*