RENCONTRES SABÉENNES 19
University of Pisa, Piazza Torricelli 2, June 18-20 2015

Conference Programme

Thursday, June 18th 2015

8.30  Registration
9.15  Opening Remarks

Identity in pre-Islamic South Arabia and beyond

Session I: Archaeology and material culture (I)
9.30-10.00  Holger Hitgen (DAI, Berlin)
            “Endogenous development or external influence - The formation of Iron Age cultures at the desert fringes in South Arabia”

10.00-10.30  Romolo Loreto (Università L’Orientale, Napoli)
              “Nomadic and sedentary identities: the development of north Arabian oases during the 1st millennium BCE”

10.30-11.00  Iris Gerlach (DAI, Berlin)
              “The role of material culture in creating, maintaining and visualizing social identity in the Sabean society”

Break (11.00-11.30)

Session II: Archaeology and material culture, epigraphy
11.30-12.00  Vittoria Buffa (Italian Mission To Oman)
              “The Minaean identity – Bara‘ish between Saba’ and Ma‘īn”
12.00-12.30  **FATHIA H. OKAB** (King Saud University, Riyadh)

“Hostages in pre-Islamic Arabia: a study in the light of Sabaic Inscriptions”

12.30-13.00  **SERGE FRANTSOUZOFF** (Russian Academy of Sciences, St. Petersburg)

“L’identité ethnique de la population du Ḥaḍramawt antique d’après les sources épigraphiques”

**Lunch (13.00-14.30)**

**Session III: History of art (I)**

14.30-15.00  **VINCENZO FRANCAVIGLIA** (Emeritus, CNR-ITABC, Roma)

“The Minaean thrones from Nashshān”

15.00-15.30  **SARAH JAPP** (DAI, Berlin)

“Foreign influences in Ḥimyarite art: Staying alien or becoming part of local identity?”

**Break (15.30-16.00)**

**Session IV: History of art (II)**

16.00-16.30  **ALESSANDRA LOMBARDI** (University of Pisa)

“The Sabaean stela CIH 705 reconsidered: South Arabian and foreign traits”

16.30-17.00  **FABIO BETTI** (University of Pisa)

“Coiffures and female identities in southern Arabia”

17.00-17.30  **ELISABETH MONAMY** (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna)

“The face stelae from the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna (Austria): Is it possible to identify these people?”
Friday, June 19th 2015

Session V: Researches in South Arabian epigraphy and culture

9.00-9.30  Alessio Agostini (University “La Sapienza”, Roma)
“Light and shade from the epigraphic documentation in the temple of ‘Athtar at Barāqish: an overview” (provisional)

9.30-10.00 Werner Daum (Berlin)
“Tithes in pre-Islamic Yemen and today”

10.00-10.30 Felice Israel (University of Genova)
“Le waw consécutif en sabéen: considérations historico-comparatives et contrastives”

Break (10.30-11.00)

Session VI: Researches and discoveries in South Arabian history and culture (I)

11.00-11.30 Mounir Arbach (CNRS, Paris)

11.30-12.00 Mohammed Maraqten (University of Heidelberg)
“The relations of ancient Yemen with Bilād al-Shām in the light of recent epigraphic evidence”

12.00-12.30 Christian Robin (Membre de l’Institut, CNRS, Paris)
“L’Arabie des princes de Kinda : sudarabique et arabe”

Lunch (12.30-14.00)

Session VII: Researches and discoveries in South Arabian history and culture (II)

14.00-14.30 Nasser Al-Jahwari (Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat)
“An Umm an-Nar Settlement at Dahwa in al-Batinah Region, Oman: an International Link with the Indus Valley”
14.30-15.00 Christian Darles (University of Toulouse), Carl Phillips (CNRS, Nanterre)
“Al-Makhā, Mawza’, Muza et l’antique Makhwān (Mkhwn)”

15.00-15.30 Roberta Tomber (British Museum, London)
“From South Arabia to the Roman Red Sea: pottery, trade and interconnections”

Break (15.30-16.00)

Session VIII: New projects on field and digital documentation
16.00-16.30 Irene Rossi, Daniele Marotta (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa)
“Working on words. The creation of lexica through DASI”

16.30-17.00 Elisa Coda (University of Pisa)
“Greek into Arabic: The computer assisted study of the transmission of philosophical and scientific text”

17.00-17.30 Charly Poliakoff (University Sorbonne 1, Paris)
“Surveying Petroglyphs in Najrān: field constraints, data recording and level of information”

Conference dinner (20.00)

Saturday, June 20th 2015

Session IX: Researches on the ancient and modern languages of Arabia (I)
9.00-9.30 Daniele Mascitelli (University of Pisa)
“A puzzling cue of Yūsuf ḏū-Nuwās: hypothesis on its interpretation and its connections with non-written languages of Yemen”

9.30-10.00 Orhan Elmaz (University of St. Andrews)
“South Arabian influence on 7th century spoken Arabic”
Special session
10.00-12.00 Meeting on Yemen cultural heritage

Break (12.00-12.15)

Session X: Researches on the ancient and modern languages of Arabia (II)
12.15-12.45 AHMAD AL-JALLAD (University of Leiden)
   “Locating Arabic in Arabia’s epigraphic record”

12.45-13.15 JULIEN DUFOUR (University of Strasbourg)
   “Modern South Arabian verb and the classification of Semitic languages: A note on the extent of our ignorance”

13.15-13.45 VICTOR PORKHOMOVSKY (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow), PHILIPPE CASSUTO (University of Provence)
   “Information structures in Semitic poetry: from Socotra to Canaan”