



Rencontres Sabéennes 16
*Museo Nazionale di San Matteo –
piazza San Matteo in Soarta, 1 Pisa*

6TH JUNE

THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF OMAN, RESEARCH DAY

10.00-10.15 Greetings from Prof. **Massimo Augello** (Rector of the University of Pisa)
and His Excellency **Said Nasser Al-Harthy** (Ambassador of the Sultanate
of Oman to Italy)

10.15-10.30 **Alessandra Avanzini** (University of Pisa, Director of Italian Mission To
Oman)
OPENING SPEECH

The IMTO excavations

Chair: Alessandra Avanzini

10.30-11.00 **Carl Phillips** (UMR7041, Nanterre – France)
“FROM MAGAN TO MAZUN; OMAN IN THE BRONZE AND IRON AGE AS
REVEALED BY THE IMTO EXCAVATIONS AT SALUT”

11.00-11.30 **Alexander Sedov** (National Museum of Oriental Art, Moscow – Russia)
“NEW DATA ON SUMHURAM: FORTIFICATION, CITY PLANNING, STRATIGRAPHY
AND DATATION”

11.30-12.30 **Inauguration of the exhibition: “Oman, the land of Sindbad, the Sailor”**
Visit to the exhibition

12.30-14.30 **Buffet lunch at Museo Nazionale di San Matteo**



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Chair: Said al-Salmi

- 14.30-15.00** **Nasser S. al-Jahwari** (Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat – Sultanate of Oman)
“CULTURAL ASPECTS DURING THE IRON AGE IN THE OMAN PENINSULA: NEW INSIGHTS”
- 15.00-15.30** **Serge Frantsouzoff** (Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, St. Petersburg – Russia)
“ON THE DECHIPHERMENT OF DHOFAR DIPINTI: A NEW HYPOTHESIS”
- Discussion regarding Iron Age chronology and terminology in SE Arabia (including Dhofar)*
- 15.30-16.00** **Paul Yule** (University of Heidelberg – Germany)
“THE TRANSITION FROM THE EARLY TO LATE IRON AGE IN CENTRAL OMAN”
- 16.00-16.30** **Paul Yule, Soumyen Bandyopadhyay** (University of Heidelberg – Germany, Nottingham Trent University – UK)
“SURVEY AND TRIAL EXCAVATION AT IZKI/YEMEN (AL-DAKHLIYAH/OMAN), 2011”
- 16.30-17.00** **Coffee Break**
- 17.00-17.30** **Michele Degli Esposti** (University of Pisa – Italy)
“BRONZE AGE ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING AT THE BRONZE AGE TOWER, SALUT ST1”
- 17.30-18.00** **Chiara Condoluci** (University of Pisa – Italy)
“ASPECTS OF THE ARCHITECTURE IN THE EARLIEST IRON AGE PHASE AT SALUT”



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7TH JUNE

CHRONOLOGY OF THE FIRST MILLENNIUM BC IN SOUTH ARABIA

Chair: Yusuf Abdallah

Morning session

- 9.15-9.30** Greetings from His Excellency **Khalid Abdulrahman Al-Akwa**
(Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Italy)
- 9.30-10.00** **Alessandra Avanzini** (University of Pisa – Italy)
“THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE FIRST MILLENNIUM BC – INTRODUCTION”
- 10.00-10.30** **Vittoria Buffa, Alexander Sedov, Burkhard Vogt**
(Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Germany, National Museum of
Oriental Art, Moscow – Russia)
“THE ADEN COAST DURING THE SOUTH ARABIAN PERIOD”
- 10.30-11.00** **Carl Phillips** (UMR7041, Nanterre – France)
“PRE-ISLAMIC SITES ON THE TIHAMA IN THE FIRST MILLENNIUM BC”
- 11.00-11.30** **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-12.00** **Sabina Antonini**
“BRONZES OF SOUTHERN ARABIA IN THE 1ST MILLENNIUM BC”
- 12.00-12.30** **Fabio Betti** (Università degli Studi, Milano – Italy)
“ORIGIN AND CHRONOLOGY OF THE GRECO-ROMAN INFLUENCES ON SOUTH
ARABIAN ART: ‘LADY BARAT’ RE-EXAMINED”
- 12.30-13.00** **Sarah Japp** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Germany)
“SOME IDEAS ON THE CHRONOLOGY OF SABAEAN POTTERY WITH SPECIAL
REGARD TO THE EARLIER AND LATER PHASES”
- 13.00-14.30** **Lunch Break**



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Afternoon session

Chair: Christian Robin

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| 14.30-15.00 | Holger Hitgen (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Germany)
“SOUTH-ARABIAN SCULPTURE OF THE 1ST MILLENNIUM BC - ASPECTS OF DATING” |
| 15.00-15.30 | Mariam Kilargiani (University of Jena – Germany)
“DIFFERENCES IN THE SOCIAL LANDSCAPE BETWEEN THE EARLY AND MIDDLE SABAEAN PERIOD IN SOUTH ARABIA” |
| 15.30-16.00 | Alessio Agostini (University of Rome, La Sapienza – Italy)
“YATHILL AND MAIN - YATHILL WITHIN MAIN” |
| 16.00-16.30 | Coffee Break |
| 16.30-17.00 | Mounir Arbach (CNRS – France)
“QUI EST LE DERNIER MUKARRIB DE SABA?” |
| 17.00-17.30 | Mohammed Maraqtan (University of Mainz – Germany)
“AN ARCHITECTURAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND EPIGRAPHIC OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST MILLENNIUM BC IN AWAM” |
| 17.30-18.00 | Serge Frantsouzoff (Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, St. Petersburg – Russia)
“UNE NOUVELLE INSCRIPTION HADRAMAWTIQUE RUPESTRE ET SON IMPORTANCE POUR LA RECONSTRUCTION DE LA CHRONOLOGIE DU ROYAUME DU HADRAMAWT” |



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8TH JUNE

**NEW EXCAVATIONS AND EPIGRAPHIC RESEARCHES IN SOUTH ARABIA
(PART I)**

Morning session

Chair: Jan Retsö

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| 9.30-10.00 | Yusuf Abdallah (University of Sana – Yemen)
“THE CURRENT SITUATION OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTIQUITIES IN YEMEN” |
| 10.00-10.30 | François Bron (EPHE – Paris – France)
“NOUVELLES LUMIERES SUR LES STELES DE DJAR AL LABA” |
| 10.30-11.00 | Iwona Gajda (CNRS – France)
“REMARKS ON MONOTHEISM IN ANCIENT SOUTHERN ARABIA” |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-12.00 | Anne Multhoff (University of Jena – Germany)
“VERBAL STEM FORMATION IN SABAIC” |
| 12.00-12.30 | Peter Stein (University of Jena – Germany)
“NEW EVIDENCE FOR THE MODE OF WRITING IN ANCIENT SOUTH ARABIA” |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch Break |



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Afternoon session

Chair: Roswitha Stiegner

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| 14.00-14.30 | Anna Belova (Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow – Russia)
“LE SUBSTRAT LEXIQUE DANS LES DIALECTES ARABES YEMENITES” |
| 14.30-15.00 | Inge Klingler (University of Vienna – Austria)
“THE SOUTH ARABIAN COLLECTION IN THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS IN VIENNA: SURVEY OF THE SOUTH ARABIAN INSCRIPTIONS” |
| 15.00-15.30 | Krista Lewis, Lamya Khalidi (University of Arkansas – USA)
“SOCIOPOLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND TRADE IN EARLY HISTORIC HIGHLAND YEMEN” |
| 15.30-16.00 | Coffee Break |
| 16.00-16.30 | Khaled al-Hajj (GOAM Sana – Yemen)
“THE RESULTS OF THE EXCAVATIONS AT HUSN THULA” |
| 16.30-17.00 | Iris Gerlach (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Germany)
THE ETHIO-SABAEAN SITE OF YEHA: SABAEAN AND NON-SABAEAN FEATURES |
| 17.00-17.30 | Guillaume Charloux, Romolo Loreto (CNRS – France; Istituto Orientale, Naples – Italy)
“THE SAUDI-ITALIAN-FRENCH ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT AT DUMAT AL-JANDAL (ANCIENT ADUMATU), RESULTS OF THE 2011 SEASON” |
| 19.30 | Dinner at Museo Nazionale di San Matteo |



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9TH JUNE

**NEW EXCAVATIONS AND EPIGRAPHIC RESEARCHES IN SOUTH ARABIA
(PART II)**

Chair: Iris Gerlach

Morning session

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| 9.30-10.00 | Jérémie Schiettecatte (CNRS – France)
“LOOKING FOR A LATE PRE-ISLAMIC OCCUPATION AND THE TRANSITION TO ISLAM IN CENTRAL ARABIA: THE FIRST SEASON OF THE SAUDI FRENCH MISSION IN AL-YAMÂMA” |
| 10.00-10.30 | Rodolfo Fattovich (Istituto Orientale, Naples – Italy)
“TO HAVE MIGRATED OR NOT TO HAVE MIGRATED, THIS IS THE QUESTION. SOUTH ARABS AND THE EARLY STATE IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA/ERITREA, 1 MILLENNIUM BC” |
| 10.30-11.00 | Mike Schnelle (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut – Germany)
“GRAT BE’AL GEBRI - ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY ON A MONUMENTAL HALF TIMBER COMPLEX OF THE EARLY 1ST MILLENNIUM BC IN THE ETHIOPIAN HIGHLAND” |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-12.00 | Solène Marion (UMR7041, Nanterre – France)
“THE FARASAN ISLANDS DURING THE PRE-ISLAMIC PERIOD” |
| 12.00-12.30 | Christian Darles (Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Architecture de Toulouse – France)
“LES TEMPLES DU YEMEN: NOUVELLE APPROCHE TYPOLOGIQUE” |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch Break |



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Afternoon session

POTTERY AND TRADE IN SUMHURAM

Chair: Alexander Sedov

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| 14.00-14.30 | Michel Mouton (CNRS – France)
“THE POTTERY FROM KHOR RORI, THE ASSEMBLAGE FROM THE GULF” |
| 14.30-15.00 | Roberta Tomber (British Museum – England)
“THE POTTERY FROM KHOR RORI, POTTERY FROM THE ROMAN WORLD ” |
| 15.00-15.30 | Alexia Pavan (University of Pisa – Italy)
“THE POTTERY FROM KHOR RORI: SOUTH ARABIAN ASSEMBLAGES AND
INDIAN IMPORTS” |
| 15.30-16.00 | Pasquino Pallecchi (Soprintendenza archeologica, Firenze – Italy)
“CONTAINERS: IMPORTATION AND LOCAL PRODUCTION. ARCHAEOMETRIC
ANALYSIS IN SUMHURAM” |
| 16.00-16.30 | Final Discussion and Conclusive Remarks |