

Under the Patronage of HRH Princess Dana Firas

RENCONTRES SABÉENNES 24

Amman, May 24-26, 2022

Amman International Hotel

08:00 **Registration**
09:00 **Welcome and Opening Ceremony**

HRH Princess Dana Firas, Petra National Trust

H.E. Fadi Balaawi, Department of Antiquities of Jordan (DoA)

H.E. Ali Al-Amrani, Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to Jordan

Zaydoon Zaid, American Foundation for cultural Research (AFCR)

Archaeology and Cultural Material I

Chair: Zaydoon Zaid

- 10:00-10:20 **Jeremie Schiettecatte** (CNRS, Paris).
The Maparabia research project: building tools for the knowledge of ancient Arabia.
- 10:20-10:40 **Sarah Japp** (DAI, Berlin).
Origins of early Sabaeen pottery – looking up north.
- 10:40-11:00 **Salwa Dammaj** (AIYS, Yemen)
American Institute Activities in Yemen.
- 11:00-11:20 **Holger Hitgen** (Independent Scholar, Berlin).
The Ancient Yemen Digital Atlas (AYDA) - Preservation of Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Research.

Discussion followed by Coffee Break

Archaeology and Cultural Material II

Chair: Iris Gerlach

- 11:40-12:00 **Guillaume Charloux** (CNRS, Paris).
The "Walled Oasis Phenomenon" in Northwestern Arabia.
- 12:00-12:20 **Mike Schnelle** (DAI, Berlin)
Timber framed architecture in South Arabia and Eastern Africa.
- 12:20-12:40 **Marlene Koester** (DAI, Berlin)
Ancient food ways in the Ethiopian-Eritrean highlands.
- 12:40-13:00 **Werner Daum** (Berlin)
Abraha's Cathedral in Ṣan'ā': An incredible discovery.

Discussion followed by Lunch Break

Epigraphy and History I.

Chair: *Ahmed Bataya*

- 14:20-14:40 **Serge A. Frantsouzoff** (Russian Academy of Sciences)
On the Origin of Ḥaḍramawt: in Search of its North Arabian Roots.
- 14:40-15:00 **Iris Gerlach** (DAI, Berlin) and **Norbert Nebes** (Friedrich Schiller University, Jena)
From North to South and East to West: A Phoenician bronze bowl with a Sabaeen inscription found in Yeha (Ethiopia)
- 15:00-15:20 **Christian Robin** (CNRS, Paris)
New lights on the history of Najrān

Discussion followed by Coffee Break

Epigraphy and History II.

Chair: *Alexander Sedov*

- 15:40-16:00 **Alessia Prioletta** (CNRS, UMR 8167)
The Thamudic inscriptions from Ḥimā: graphic and linguistic peculiarities and their link with the Ancient North Arabian inscriptions.
- 16:00-16:20 **Hani Hayajneh** (Yarmouk University).
hfrk (= ὑπαρχος) "commander" in an Ancient North Arabian inscription from Wādī Bāyir – South Eastern Jordan.
- 16:20-16:40 **Mohammad I. Ababneh** (Halle, Germany).
The meaning of *ns¹y-hm ḥryr* in 'gl bn Ḥf'm inscription compared to the Nabataean funerary inscriptions.

Discussion

DAY II: 25.05.2022

Field trip to North Jordan, Gerasa (Jerash) and Gadara (Umm Qeis)

DAY III: 26.05.2022

Archives, Museums and Collections Management

Chair: *Jeremie Schiettecatte*

- 9:00-9:20 **Antonietta Catanzariti** (National Museum of Asian Art, Washington, DC).
Research, Management and Display: Some Insights on Curating the Ancient Yemen Collection at the NMAA

- 09:20-9:40 **Ronald Ruzicka, Elisabeth Cerny and George Hatke.**
(Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna)
Sabaeans and Nabataeans: interpreted by Eduard Glaser, interpreted in a 3D virtual world.
- 9:40-10:00 **Alexander Nagel** (Fashion Institute of Technology, NY)
Archaeology and Photography in Yemen. Collaborating on the Values of Archives in South Arabian Heritage Documentation.

Discussion followed by Coffee Break

Archaeology of Yemen I

Chair: *Christian Robin*

- 10:20-10:40 **Zaydoon Zaid** (American Foundation, Washington, DC)
Save Awam Temple.
- 10:40-11:00 **Ahmed Bataya, Salem Al-Ameri and Mohammed Al-Sakkaf**
(GOAM, Aden).
The Current Situation of Archaeological Research in Yemen.
- 11:00-11:20 **Evangelos Kyriakidis**, HERITAGE
Capacity building and community engagement
- 11:20-11:40 **Asmahan Alalas** (Aden University)
The impact of conflict on Cultural and Historical Objects.
- 11:40-12:00 **Hussein Al-Aidaros** (GOAM, Seiyun)
Old Settlements in wadi Hadhramaut.

Discussion followed by Coffee Break

Archaeology of Yemen II

Chair: *Salwa Dammaj*

- 11:40-12:00 **Mohammed Alhajj** (University of Hail, Saudi Arabia)
The Current Situation of the Sabaic Monuments and Inscriptions in Marib Oasis – Yemen
- 12:00-12:20 **Sadeq Noman** (GOAM, Marib)
The state of archaeology in Marib.

- 12:20-12:40 **Ali Tueaiman** (University of Hail, Saudi Arabia)
Sites of Sabaeen religious rites outside cities (an ethnographic study)
- 12:40-13:00 **Sami Ghaleb** (GOAM, Sana'a)
The remaining architectural monuments in the Damlua fortress in Al-Silw
Taiz Governorate.

Discussion followed by Lunch Break

14:30

Special Session (By Invitation Only)

Yemen's Cultural Heritage at Risk of Destruction: Status, Problems and Challenge

Moderator: Zaydoon Zaid and Will Raynolds

Yemen's rich cultural heritage is being threatened, destroyed and looted. Archaeological and cultural heritage sites in Yemen have been damaged or are under immediate threat due to the past/present conflict. This round table discussion provides an overview of the various and complex risks facing Yemen's amazing cultural heritage. National and international experts from the following organizations will address this issue:

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Salwa Dammaj, American Institute for Yemeni Studies (AIYS)

Najet Makhloufa, ALIPH Foundation

Evangelos Kyriakidis, The Heritage Management Organization (HERITAGE)

Antonietta Catanzariti, National Museum of Asian Art

Marwan Dammaj, Former Minister of Culture, Yemen

Muhammad Jumaih, Yemen Ambassador to Unesco

Stacy Bowe, Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative (SCRI)

Pearce Paul Creasman, American Center of Research (ACOR)

Iris Gerlach, German Archaeological Institute (DAI)

Alexander Sedov, Russian Academy of Sciences, The State Museum of Oriental Art

Jeremie Schiettecatte, The French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

Mahmoud Arinat, The University of Jordan