ANCIENT CHORASMIA, CENTRAL ASIA AND THE STEPPES.
CULTURAL RELATIONS AND EXCHANGES FROM THE ACHAEMENIDS TO THE ARABS

Ausonius Institute UMR 5607 CNRS, University of Bordeaux Montaigne, Archéopôle d'Aquitaine, 17th-18th October 2016

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CONFERECE SCHEDULE

Monday 17th October, 2016

Welcome

- 9:00
  Reception of the guests. Coffee and tea - Archéopôle d’Aquitaine
- 9:15
  Conveners’ welcome speech
- 9:30
  Welcome speech by Frederic Boutoulle, vice-president de la recherché, University of Bordeaux Montaigne
- 9:45
  Welcome speech by Isabelle Cartron, Co-director of the Ausonius Institute

Session 1

- 10:00
  Keynote speech by Alison V.G. Betts (Sydney, Director of the KAE):
  20 years of activities of the Karakalpak-Australian Expedition to Ancient Chorasmia in Uzbekistan
- 10:30
  Frantz Grenet (Paris):
  Was Zoroastrian art invented in Chorasmia?

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

- 11:30
  Michele Minardi (Bordeaux):
  Chorasmia and the Kushans
- 12:00
  Alison V.G. Betts (Sydney):
  Considering kingship at Akchakhan-kala

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12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

- 14:00
  Fiona J. Kidd (New York/Abu Dhabi):
  *Preliminary thoughts on new headdresses from the Akchakhan-kala “portrait” gallery*
- 14:30
  Bertille Lyonnet (Paris):
  *The Dark Age of Sogdiana, from the Kangju to the Kidarite Period*
- 15:00
  Sergey B. Bolelov (Moscow):
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- 15:30
  Pavel Lurje (St Petersburg):
  *Attempts at reading of inscriptions on Chorasmian silver vessels*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

- 16:30
  Irina Arzhantseva (Moscow) & Heinrich Härke (Tübingen):
  *Time in Shifting Sands: Tolstov’s Khorezmian Expedition between archaeology and ideology*
- 17:00
  Irina Arzhantseva (Moscow) & Svetlana Gorshenina (Paris):
  *Djankent: construction d’un symbole national sur la longue durée ou à qui appartient le passé?*
- 17:30
  Makset Karlybaev (Nukus):
  *Zoroastrian heritage in the Karakalpakstan Art Museum*

18:00 Reception

19:00 Formal dinner
Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} October, 2016

\textbf{Session 2}

• 9:30
Claude Rapin (Paris):
\textit{Aux sources de la cartographie antique de l’Asie centrale: le support graphique des listes de pays de Darius I}

• 10:00
Johanna Lhuillier (Lyon) & Julio Bendezu-Sarmiento (Nanterre / DAFA):
\textit{Some evidences of a post-Achaemenid occupation at Ulug-depe (Turkmenistan)}

• 10:30
Laurianne Martinez-Sève (Lille):
\textit{Aï Khanoum après 145 avant J.-C.: l’occupation post-palatiale}

\textbf{11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break}

• 11:30
Gian Luca Bonora (Bologna):
\textit{A general revision of the chronology of the Tagisken and Uygarak burial grounds}

• 12:00
Fabrizio Sinisi (Vienna):
\textit{Patterns of transmission of royal imagery as evidence of inter-regional exchanges in Central Asia}

\textbf{12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break}

• 14:00
Shamil S. Amirov (Nukus):
\textit{Processes of religious acculturation in the Ustyurt Plateau: steppe dwellers, Zoroastrianism and Islam}

• 14:30
Gairatdin Khozhaniyazov (Nukus, Co-director of the KAE):
“Long walls” in the system of fortification of Central Asia

- 15:00
  Tim Williams (London):
  *Exploring the Seleucid to Sassanian city of Antiochus Margiana and its hinterland*

- 15:30
  Barbara Kaim (Warsaw):
  *Storage practice in the Merv and Serakhs oases of the Partho-Sasanian period*

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

- 16:30
  François de Blois (London):
  *An examination of some astronomical terminology in the Choresmian language*

- 17:00
  Yury Karev (Paris):
  *Khwārazm and the Arab conquest of Māwarā’annahr (7th - 8th centuries AD)*

- 17:30 Closing speech/discussion

- 18:00 Group picture
Conference information:

1. The conference will begin on Monday morning (October 17) and end on Tuesday afternoon (October 18).
2. The conference will be held at the Odeon hall of the Archéopôle d'Aquitaine.
3. Each presenter has 20 minutes allocated to his/her paper, followed by a 10-minute Q&A session.
5. Accommodations: for details, please contact Ms. Ghizlane Bencheikh (ghizlane.bencheikh@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr).
6. The proceedings of the conference will be published in a special issue of the peer-reviewed journal “Ancient Civilizations from Scythia to Siberia” published by Brill, and edited by the convenors under the auspices of the Scientific Committee.

Updates (if any) about the conference will be circulated on the mailing list.

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