

ICHAJ 16

Archaeology and Sustainability

Learning from the Past for Safe Resilient Future

**16th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of
Jordan**

Athens University, Greece 2025



FIRST CIRCULAR

Conference dates: **22-26 September 2025**

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Antiquities of Jordan and Athens University are pleased to announce the 16th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, which will be held at Athens University, Greece, from 22 to 26 September 2025.

The ICHAJ, organized every three years, is an event of utmost importance for the scientific community of archaeologists and historians who, at an international level, are interested in the archaeology of Jordan, the Middle East, the Mediterranean and long-term Euro-Mediterranean cultural relations. The first ICHAJ was held in Oxford in 1980, as an initiative of HRH Prince El-Hassan bin Talal, one of the world's leading intellectuals of the Arab world, under whose patronage the conference continues to be organized.

Since 1980, the ICHAJ has been hosted in the major cultural capitals and the most important research institutes of the world. The Athens University conference in September 2025 follows those of Yarmouk University 2022, University of Florence 2019, Amman (2016, Princess Sumaya University), Berlin (2013, Humboldt Universitat), Paris (2010, University Paris- 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Washington (2007, George Washington University).

As previously heralded by HRH Prince El-Hassan Bin Talal, the initiator and patron of this conference: “we need to create a continuum between the past, present and future, which extends beyond the narrow nationalism of the state perspective towards the Levant as a region, thereby potentially stabilizing the region and raising its profile”.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The plenary opening session will take place at Athens University between 22 and 26 September 2025. Working sessions will be held in the lecture theaters of Athens University.

THEMES AND SESSIONS

The official languages of the conference are **ENGLISH** and **ARABIC**

The Conference will be divided into 13 main sections.

- 1) Archaeology, Identity and Human Rights
- 2) The Cultural History of Jordan On the Basis of Historical Documents and The Epigraphic Evidence
- 3) Updates in Archaeological Field Research and Documentation in Jordan
- 4) Orient-Occident Cross-Cultural Relations: Attestations from The World of Archaeology
- 5) The Cultural And Civilizational Encounter And Rapprochement Between Christianity And Islam In The Early Islamic Era
- 6) Jordanian Archaeology in The Digital Era
- 7) Theory and Practice in Jordanian Archaeology: Interpretation and New World Perspectives
- 8) Archaeology, World Heritage Sites in Jordan and Sustainable Tourism
- 9) Climate Change and Cultural Heritage
- 10) Understanding Ancient Societies, Their Artifacts, Ancient Technology and Industries Through Modern Science And Technology.
- 11) Archaeology Vis-À-Vis Local Communities
- 12) Museums and Museology In A Changing World
- 13) Historical Archaeology

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

In order to present a paper or poster at the ICHAJ16, candidates for participation should send an abstract via email to: ICHAJ16@doa.gov.jo before 30/9/2024, according to the following specifications:

30/9/2024 : Deadline for applications by candidates for participation wishing to present

Abstract specifications: Maximum 250 words; clear title; name, any affiliations and contact details of the author or authors. Where proposals concern multiple authors, please list the person who will read the paper (the speaker). Each candidate may only submit one paper designating himself or herself as speaker.

The attached [abstract template](#) can be downloaded directly from the ICHAJ official website: www.ichaj.org

Requirements for presenting a proposal for a PAPER: the first author named in the application MUST hold any academic degree. Papers can also be presented by members of the DoA and by members of academic and research institutions.

Required title for presenting a proposal for a POSTER: participants MUST hold at any academic degree or equivalent.

For enquiries regarding exceptions to these criteria, please contact the Chair of the Scientific Committee by email: ichaj16@doa.gov.jo

After assessing applications, the Scientific Committee may propose that candidates for participation present a poster instead of a paper and vice versa.

Please note that your POSTER should be printed and ready to display (Rollup 200 cm x 85cm)

IMPORTANT: No papers or posters dealing with artifacts without verifiable provenance will be accepted.

REGISTRATION & FEES

All Authors of approved abstracts must register for the ICHAJ 16

Where there is more than one author of a paper or poster, at least one must register as speaker for the group. You can register on the ICHAJ official website.

- Regular Registration: 250 €
- Student Registration: 100 €
- Jordanian Students: No Fees
- Registration for Jordanian: 100 €